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| No. | Question | Reference | Contractor |
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| 1 | Please clarify if PPQ's already obtained can be submitted? Trying to get these completed and sent in multiple times is next to impossible. | | Midwestern |
| VA Response | Yes, if less than a year | | |
| 2 | This project appears to be highly unique in both size and type, and the proposal requires past performance examples of similar size and magnitude. Given the distinct nature of this project, it may be challenging to provide examples that match both criteria precisely. This is very limiting on the pool of potential SDVOSB's.<br><br>Would it be acceptable to submit more than five projects that demonstrate comparable experience—some similar in scope but not magnitude, and others similar in size but not identical in scope? | | Midwestern |
| VA Response | No more than 5 will be evaluated. It will be acceptable to demonstrate comparable scope OR comparable magnitude, etc. in projects but more weight will be given to projects that are both. | | |
| 3 | On AE.524, Detail 2 lists a Schluter ramp divider strip at the terrazzo and concrete. The finish plans do not show the adjacent finishes to the terrazzo, so we are not able to get a count on those strips. | | Midwestern |
| VA Response | Refer to AI Sheets for interior floor transitions and the typical terrazzo details on AE.524. Please provide transition counts per the finish plans | | |
| 4 | Also, on AI.102, the Room Finish Schedule lists GT-1 as an "epoxy grout at terrazzo". We don't apply grout at terrazzo. What was the reason for this note? | | Midwestern |
| VA Response | See AI.101 for finish materials. Terazzo Tile and epoxy grout | | |
| 5 | For Factor 1, A compliant, evaluator-ready response to this section cannot include phasing strategy, organizational structure, and personnel narratives within 5 pages. Expanding to at least 10 pages is the only | | Midwestern |

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| | way to maintain clarity, compliance, and technical sufficiency. Please clarify if this is acceptable. | | |
| VA Response | Yes | | |
| 6 | For Factor 2, A compliant, evaluator-ready response to this section cannot include a potential of 5 projects, provide all the required information, and fit within 5 pages. Expanding to at least 10 pages is the only way to maintain clarity, compliance, and technical sufficiency. Please clarify if this is acceptable. | | |
| VA Response | yes | | |
| 7 | The floor plans and door schedule indicate only one (1) card reader-controlled opening. However, during the site walk, multiple card reader-controlled doors were observed throughout the project area. Please provide an updated door schedule identifying all existing card reader doors that are to remain, be modified, or be included in this project. | | |
| VA Response | Refer to door schedule note 2 for new card reader. Refer to door schedule note 1 to replace any existing door hardware, to include PIV | | |
| 8. | Will there be a requirement for fire protection and fire alarm under the scaffolding/tunnel system for each phase? This assumes the Sprinkler and alarm will also need to remain above the scaffolding/tunnel system. | | |
| VA Response | Refer to note 9 of the phasing plan on AS.200 | | |
| 9. | Per the drawings, most deck-mounted items above the ceiling are to remain in place. Can you provide photos of the above-ceiling spaces so we can identify any obstructions that may impact access to the asbestos fireproofing for removal? If photos are not available, will any unknown obstructions be considered unforeseen conditions? | | |
| VA Response | Site walk to be scheduled to allow contractors to go above ceiling (following VA above-ceiling requirements, including PPE and containment both- see attached). | | |

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| | Because of this opportunity, this would not be considered unforeseen. | | |
| 10. | Does the VA concur that to set up the tunnel/scaffolding, hallways will need to be completely closed for short durations to make this task happen? | | |
| VA Response | Yes. This work will have to be done during WHEN hours and carefully planned in conjunction with VA with a minimum 3-week notice and access closure work plan | | |
| 11. | The drawings do not provide a clear location of where the negative air machines are to be vented during construction activities in each phase. Given this is a BB project, the A/E should be providing this information Please provide those locations to understand routing for the rigid ducting. | | |
| VA Response | This is considered means and methods and is the contractor's responsibility. | | |
| 12. | Door Schedule Note 1 88 Doors<br>Replace existing hardware with new hardware…function to remain the same. New hardware style and manufacturer to match facility standards<br>Will JAHVA be providing hardware specifications (manufacturer/model) or additional guidance for replacement hardware for these openings? | | |
| VA Response | Doors will be per typical VA hardware sets. GC to work with COR and JAHVA locksmith. Locksets shall accept IC 7-pin small format cores. VA will provide keyways and cores. Mortise locks shall be used. | | |
| 13. | Door Schedule Note 2<br>1 Door (GC-006)<br>Card reader by Others<br>This door is included in Note 1 above. We need to verify that replacement hardware is compatible with access control (electric strike, electrified trim, etc.) Please confirm what the hardware intent is. | | |
| VA Response | Hardware intent is to maintain all current functionalities + a card reader | | |
| 14. | Door Schedule Note 3…139 Doors<br>Please identify any changes to fire ratings as indicated on the Door Schedule. How are we to include this in our quote? Will this be handled as a changed condition after award if identified? | | |

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| VA Response | There are no changes. Existing rated doors will be replaced by an equivalent rated door. | | |
| 15. | Door Schedule Note 6….51 Doors<br>Existing door hardware to be removed and reinstalled on new door<br>•Please confirm that all door panels under Note 6 will need to be replaced. | | |
| VA Response | Note 6 Specifies new door | | |
| 16. | Is it the intent to have all the surface mounted devises recessed into the walls even if the substrate is a block wall or wire lath and plaster? | | |
| VA Response | Yes, the intent is to recess the surface mounted items. Situationally, if furred wall can be constructed in front of block wall without interfering with required corridor widths (with VA's approval), this will be permitted. Note – if a wall is fire or smoke rated, the furred wall must be constructed with the same rating. | | |
| 17. | There are several abandoned devices above ceiling and on the ceiling grid, most specifically cameras. Are those items going to be identified for replacement as part of an addendum and upgraded or is it the intent to just remove those devices entirely? | | |
| VA Response | I believe the abandoned devices have functioning replacements already. Coordinate with VA for identification and removal of abandoned items. Non-abandoned devices shall be reinstalled by contractor. | | |
| 18. | Are there any areas of the project that absolutely cannot be shut down if it is decided to deviate from the plans phasing protocols? Can those areas be provided? | | |
| VA Response | Access must remain to multiple areas, including but not limited to: Electrical, mechanical, and Telecom rooms, Morgue, SPS, Kitchen, OIT, Linen, Pharmacy (inpatient and admin areas), Police, Request for Information Office, Biomed Shop area, MSDU, Mail Room, Sim Lab, elevators (can be closed in phases), Maintenance shops. Once abatement is complete, emergency-only access (mech room, elec room, telecom, etc) can be | | |

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| | accessed through construction site. Other occupied areas must maintain public access | | |
| 19. | It is the intent to remove all the wall tile in the areas that have wall tile. What are the existing substrates for those areas and will details be provided as to how those areas are to be restored? Some appear to be block surfaces with a skim coat, others may be wire lath with plaster. | | |
| VA Response | Yes. Remove the white wall tile in the A-wing outside room GA-013 as ACM and the white wall tile in the pool area containing Lead glazing. The substrate is unknown. | | |
| 20. | Please provide all as-builds for the affect areas. | | |
| VA Response | Some as-builts provided here but request is not specific enough. As-builts provided are for reference only and it is the contractor's responsibility to validate. As-builts of all areas may not be available | | |
| 21. | The current door schedule does not appear to identify doors with intercom devices located outside offices/suites within the project area. Please provide a list of all intercom devices that are to be removed, relocated, or reinstalled as part of this project. | | |
| VA Response | Keynote 53 on demo elevations indicates removal of intercoms. Confirm with VA prior to removal. | | |
| 22. | Several video surveillance cameras observed within the project area appear to be non-functioning, obsolete, or legacy analog devices. Please clarify how these cameras are to be addressed under this project, as reinstallation of non-functioning or outdated equipment may not be appropriate. | | |
| VA Response | I believe the abandoned devices have functioning replacements already. Coordinate with VA for removal of abandoned items. Select cameras (for pharmacy and police areas) will need to be temporarily relocated into passage tunnels to keep visibility in front of those areas. | | |
| 23. | Is a camera schedule available, whether within the reflected ceiling plans or elsewhere in the contract documents, | | |

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| | identifying the existing camera model and location for each device currently installed? | | |
| VA Response | See attached. Please note this may not be fully up-to-date and shall be validated by contractor. | | |
| 24. | During the site walk, additional unidentified devices were observed at several door openings, including key switches and similar ancillary devices. Please provide a device schedule identifying these items, along with the function and purpose of each device, and clarify whether they are to remain, be removed, or be reinstalled as part of this project. | | |
| VA Response | Refer to demo elevations – keynote 35 where occurs. Any conflicts shall be brought to the VA for confirmation. | | |
| 25. | We are hearing consistently from the terrazzo contractors that the corridor widths—approximately 6-7 feet—do not provide adequate working space. Their equipment requires roughly 3 feet of clearance, plus additional room to maneuver, leaving barely 2 feet for passage. Based on these constraints, a poured terrazzo system does not appear feasible within the current phasing approach. It seems each phase would need to be fully closed to allow terrazzo installation to occur safely and correctly.<br><br>Can you clarify what the A/E team's intended plan or sequencing was for installing terrazzo under these conditions? | | |
| VA Response | Terazzo will be tile per AI.101. The Terazzo tile allows for more flexible installation procedures | | |
| 26. | The mechanical note states that any elbow over 45 degrees is to be a hard installation. Without being able to get above the ceiling to evaluate the conditions how are we to determine the extent of hard installations needed? Did the A/E get pictures or perform an evaluation? Will this be treated as an unforeseen condition? The duct sizes vary greatly. | | |
| VA Response | Site visit will be held for bidders to look above ceiling to see existing conditions (following the VA above-ceiling permit protocols that are attached – respirator, | | |

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| | containment booth, etc.). This will not be considered as unforeseen. VA will work with contractor in areas that may prevent this from being done to come up with an acceptable solution. | | |
| 27. | As part of the project, we are to be removing the spray fireproofing on the deck. Can the VA confirm if there is enough space to access the fireproofing once above the ceiling? If not, will any obstructions be considered unforeseen? | | |
| VA Response | Site visit will be held for bidders to look above ceiling to see existing conditions (following the VA above-ceiling permit protocols that are attached – respirator, containment booth, etc.). This will not be considered as unforeseen. Method to access and abate fireproofing is considered means and methods and thus contractor's responsibility. | | |
| 28. | Please provide the path for the pharmacy delivery robot and what constraints it may cause when determining if the hallways can be shut down completely. | | |
| VA Response | Pathway to be provided once available-awaiting response from vendor. Certain areas around pharmacy will require TUG to be out of service for short periods of time and these closures can be coordinated with VA staff. Aside from immediate areas around pharmacy (front and back entrance) and elevators 10/11 which will require TUG to temporarily be stopped, TUG pathway does not include any space that could fully be shut down. | | |
| 29. | Can elevators have access removed to the ground floor while performing work in each bank of elevators? Is it to be assumed that the other bank of elevators will take the load of traffic during those phases? | | |
| VA Response | Yes. Note no more that 2 elevators out of elevators 4, 5, 10, and 11 can be shut down at one time to maintain patient transport | | |
| 30. | Please provide the life safety plan for the entire ground floor to determine egress while performing our work. | | |
| VA Response | Attached. | | |

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| 31. | Please provide any and all as-builds for the spaces in each phase. | | |
| VA Response | Some as-builts provided here but request is not specific enough. As-builts provided are for reference only and it is the contractor's responsibility to validate. As-builts of all areas may not be available and are known to not fully show all updated spaces on the ground floor | | |
| 32. | Considering the amount of potential RFI's can the due date be extended 2-3 weeks to allow us to make additional site visits to confirm what was provided during the RFI period? | | |
| VA Response | Quotes due date was moved by Amendment 0002 to 07/17/2026 at 2:00PM EST | | |
| 33. | Refer to dwg AD 204 wing exit corridor walls, AD 202 C wing by loading dock exit, AD203 D wing hallway wall across from room GD-006, AD204 E wing exit corridor walls, AD203 D wing outside elevators 4 & 5, on these locations quantity of paint (1300 SF) but on report 49200 SF. Please clarify this discrepancy | | |
| VA Response | Project takeoffs for material is for the GC to figure out. Paint SFs are not part of the construction documents.<br>Note 101 on the demolition plans is referencing asbestos containing drywall. Please utilize the report for the lead-based paint. | | |
| 34. | Spec. sec. "07 81 00 Applied Fireproofing" is given. However, related work is not found anywhere on plans. Please confirm, if related work is required then please mark extent on drawings or quantity for bidding purposes. | | |
| VA Response | See phasing plan notes and Hazardous material reports for all areas affected with fireproofing that needs removed and replaced. All abated fireproofing must be replaced with Applied Fireproofing that is tinted blue. | | |
| 35. | Refer to dwg AE531 as per door schedule GC-001 door is overhead coiling door but width is (3'W) as on dwg AE201 door GC-001.Please confirm this discrepancy | | |

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| VA Response | This door is a 3' swing door. | | |
| 36. | Spec. sec. "08 31 13 Access Doors and frames " is given. However, related work is not found anywhere on plans. Please confirm, if related work is required then please mark extent on drawings or quantity for bidding purposes. | | |
| VA Response | This project is primarily ACT and access doors will not be required. | | |
| 37. | Refer to dwg AE531, as per door schedule notes 1, 6, hardware is new but a detail for new hardware are given in specs 08 71 00 & also on drawings. Please confirm this discrepancy for bid purpose. | | |
| VA Response | Notes 1 and 6 are mutually exclusive. | | |
| 38. | Spec. sec. "08 71 13 AUTOMATIC DOOR OPERATORS" is not anywhere on plans. Please confirm, if related work is required then please mark extent on drawings or quantity for bidding purposes. | | |
| VA Response | VA confirms no new auto openers are required. Existing auto operators to be reused other than disabled ADO at CO-11-1. See marked up ADO drawing attached as reference for existing (however all shall be validated and confirmed by contractor). | | |
| 39. | Spec. sec. "08 71 13.11 LOW ENERGY POWER ASSIST DOOR OPERATORS" is given. However, related work is not found anywhere on plans. Please confirm, if related work is required then please mark extent on drawings or quantity for bidding purposes. | | |
| VA Response | Disregard spec section | | |
| 40. | Spec. sec. "08 90 00 Louvers and vents" is given. However, related work is not found anywhere on plans. Please confirm, if related work is required then please mark extent on drawings or quantity for bidding purposes. | | |
| VA Response | Disregard spec section | | |

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| 41. | Spec. sec. "09 65 13 RESILIENT BASE AND ACCESSORIES" is given. However, related work is not found anywhere on plans. Please confirm, if related work is required then please mark extent on drawings or quantity for bidding purposes. | | |
| VA Response | Disregard spec section. Base per interior finish schedule/plans | | |
| 42. | Spec. sec. "09 67 23.50 RESINOUS TERRAZZO FLOORING (RES-5)" is given. However, related work is not found anywhere on plans. Please confirm, if related work is required then please mark extent on drawings or quantity for bidding purposes. | | |
| VA Response | Terazzo flooring is now a Terazzo tile. See finish plans for type. | | |
| 43. | The specifications call for an impervious rubber waterproof membrane for protection of electrical switchgear and other equipment. Can you provide a specification for thickness of this material? | | |
| VA Response | Disregard | | |
| 44. | In the areas shown to have asbestos-containing gypsum wallboard systems, will the gypsum board and mud be removed in its entirety or only as needed for completion of the other work? | | |
| VA Response | See hazardous materials report for extent | | |
| 45. | While fireproofing and other above-ceiling ACMs are being removed, will an adjacent room off the corridor being abated be made available for installation of a decon, storage of materials, etc.? | | |
| VA Response | While the VA will do their best to provide adjacent space where feasible, this should not be planned for. Decon should be constructed at the entrance of the phase area. Storage connex location will be provided. Please note that if there is contamination of any adjacent spaces being used, the contractor will be responsible to abate these as well. | | |
| 46. | If an adjacent room is made available, will we be able to cut an access hole through the smoke/firewall to access the ceiling in the corridor? | | |

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| VA Response | Yes but must have a fire/smoke-rated access panel to keep work area isolated and must be properly patched following completion of said area. Please note some adjacent areas also have ACM so proper infection control requirements would be required in those spaces as well | | |
| 47. | Where is negative air from the containment to be exhausted? Please provide a proposed location for each phase. | | |
| VA Response | Means and methods. Contractor to propose and coordinate with VA | | |
| 48. | Will particle counters be required for this project, and if so, are they to be data logging, and at what time intervals? | | |
| VA Response | Particle counter is not required for this project. | | |
| 49. | Are there any uninsulated exhaust ducts in the corridors with gold ACM mastic? If so, is the mastic to be removed from the duct or the duct removed and replaced? | | |
| VA Response | AESUS: Per Asbestos Abatement contractor, all ductwork insulation is to be replaced, and mastic utilized on joints to be encapsulated. Uninsulated exhaust ductwork still requires encapsulation. | | |
| 50. | The existing ceiling and grid will need to be removed as ACM debris prior to construction of the above-ceiling containments. What are the requirements for prep in the corridors after the tunnel is constructed but prior to full containment being established above the scaffold deck? | | |
| VA Response | The hallway must be accessible at all time. After building the scaffold start building the containment above the scaffold and establish negative pressure in the containment prior to start removing the ceiling tiles and grid. Make sure there are sufficient negative air machines to compensate for the loss of negative pressure once the ceiling tiles are removed. | | |
| 51. | What systems are necessary to remain actively functioning while the workspace is under construction? | | |
| VA Response | Fire alarm and fire sprinklers (unless fire watch is chosen to do by contractor), lighting (temp lighting), security cameras for pharmacy and police dispatch, etc. (this list | | |

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| | is not conclusive) And all systems that serve active areas that aren't in the work area. Any questions on any specific system shall be asked to the COR. | | |
| 52. | Who will be responsible for devices taken down to be reused that are from an asbestos environment? | | |
| VA Response | Contractor is responsible for cleaning per asbestos procedures, storing the devices, and reinstalling | | |
| 53. | Will the VA require new devices to be installed in place of removed devices. (i.e. Fire Alarm, Paging, WAP, Lights, Security/PIV, Telecom, Nurse Call, etc.)? | | |
| VA Response | Yes unless otherwise identified as abandoned. | | |
| 54. | Who will be responsible for the three existing wireless telephone antenna systems that are located above ceiling? | | |
| VA Response | Contractor | | |
| 55. | Will the relay boxes that are mounted below ceiling for Fire Alarm be relocated above ceiling or are they to remain below ceiling for access? | | |
| VA Response | Intent is to relocate these above ceiling | | |
| 56. | Will existing cable tray(s) be required to be removed. If so, will new cable tray(s) be required to be installed? | | |
| VA Response | Cable trays will either need to be cleaned and protected from abatement and new fireproofing or removed and reinstalled. New cable trays will only be required if existing cable trays are damaged. | | |
| 57. | Will all work be conducted at night? | | |
| VA Response | No. All temporary full closures of otherwise-occupied hallways and other intrusive activities must be WHEN hours. VA will allow daytime work as much as possible while maintaining hospital operations. | | |
| 58. | Much of the Ground Floor has concrete block walls, it is unknown which cells (if any) are poured with concrete. Will the block walls be required to be cut open to install conduit and prevent from having exposed raceways in the hallways? | | |

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| VA Response | The intent is to recess. Coordinate with VA | | |
| 59. | Above ceiling, where access to wire raceways or anything else deemed necessary to reach is not accessible because of ductwork being in the road will the duck work be removed for the trades? If so, how are the bidders to quantify the amount without seeing above the ceilings to verify quantities? | | |
| VA Response | Site visit will be held for bidders to look above ceiling to see existing conditions (following the VA above-ceiling permit protocols that are attached – respirator, containment booth, etc.). This will not be considered unforeseen. Method to access is considered means and methods and thus contractor's responsibility. | | |
| 60. | ED 101A - Demo of light fixtures, will abatement contractor, general contractor, or electrical contractor responsible for disposal of any PCB ballasts? | | |
| VA Response | This is the responsibility of the GC to determine. Abide by VA Standards. | | |
| 61. | ED 101A – Note D Demo Scope, for surface mounted devices on concrete, if no suitable wall cavity is available, are we to remove concrete to allow for recessed mounting? | | |
| VA Response | Yes | | |
| 62. | ED 101A – Where poured concrete or other unsuitable location is present, may ceiling mounted fire alarm devices be used? IE horn/strobes and strobes. | | |
| VA Response | No. However, if devices can be compliantly installed within 2" from ceiling grid, surface-mounted will be permitted. | | |
| 63. | ED 101A – Note P, General Notes, if a lighting circuit is discovered to have over 16 Amps, will a change order be provided for installment of additional lighting circuit. | | |
| VA Response | If this situation is encountered, contractor shall bring it to the attention of the COR. It will then be decided if the VA will add the circuit or if the VA will request a proposal to do this work. | | |
| 64. | ED 101A – During demo, if it is discovered that the lights are not supported properly, | | |

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| | will the expense to support them be in addition to the initial bid? | | |
| VA Response | No. As the lights are being replaced, it is the responsibility of the contractor to support the new lights appropriately. | | |
| 65. | ED 101A – During demo, if it is discovered that there are wiring issues such as missing grounding wires and/or shared neutrals will we be required to install missing wire. If so, will the expense to add them be in addition to the initial bid? | | |
| VA Response | If this situation is encountered, contractor shall bring it to the attention of the COR. It will then be decided if the VA will correct the issue or if the VA will request a proposal to do this work. | | |
| 66. | ED 101A – Note H, Demo Notes, who will be responsible for cleaning any ACM containment devices, and who will be responsible for storing said devices? | | |
| VA Response | Contractor will be responsible for cleaning and storing devices. Which sub specifically is Means and methods as long as they have proper qualifications to do so. | | |
| 67. | ED 101A – PA System, will the speakers be reused or all new? If reused, who will be responsible for cleaning the ACM speakers and who will store them? | | |
| VA Response | Reuse. Electrical/LV contractor responsible. | | |
| 68. | EP 101A – Note N, General Notes, does this apply to Electrical, Mechanical, and other locked locations? Or just public access area? | | |
| VA Response | All areas. If exposed and subject to vandalism, provide red RGS. Otherwise, provide red EMT. | | |
| 69 | Please provide the paperwork that we need to complete to have access above the ceiling to view the conditions for bidding purposes. We would like to have that opportunity. | | Peak Environmental |
| VA Response | Provided with amendment 0001 | | |
| 70 | Will you be providing a copy of the sign-in sheet for the site visit conducted on April 9th? | | Peak Environmental |

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| VA Response | Provided with amendment 0001 | | |

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| 71 | Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of SSHO? | | Blue Cord |
| VA Response | Yes, as long as they meet qualifications | | |
| 72 | If not to the question above, will the SSHO need to be full-time for this project? | | |
| VA Response | N/A | | |
| 73 | Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of QA/QC? | | |
| VA Response | Superintendent can dual had with either SSHO or QA/QC. Triple hat not allowed. | | |
| 74 | If not to the question above, will the QA/QC need to be full-time for this project? | | |
| VA Response | No | | |
| 75 | Can a superintendent be a triple hat to cover the requirements of SSHO and QA/QC? | | |
| VA Response | Cannot triple hat. | | |
| 76 | Please confirm the issued drawing set is the latest and complete set. | | |
| VA Response | That is correct. | | |
| 77 | Please confirm the current design documents meet current VA TIL guidelines. | | |
| VA Response | Design documents meet VA TIL guidelines current to when they were finalized. | | |
| 78 | Please provide the latest wage determination for this project's county. | | |
| VA Response | WD -FL20260208 Dated 05/18/2026 | | |

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| 79 | Past Performance: If we have a PPQ, requested for another opportunity, that is less than 12 months old, can we use it within our proposal? Or will a new PPQ need to be requested? | | |
| VA Response | If it is less than 12 months, it can be used | | |

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| 80 | Is the use of temporary plastic wall panels (such as STARC panels) acceptable? | | |
| VA Response | Construction area must maintain fire barrier. Since STARC panels do not go to deck, they cannot be used. Only exception would be for entrance to ante room space between the hallway and the construction area. | | |
| 81 | Who is responsible for the terminal clean of the project area? | | |
| VA Response | FAR clause 52.236-12 was included in the Solicitation." The Contractor shall at all times keep the work area, including storage areas, free from accumulations of waste materials. Before completing the work, the Contractor shall remove from the work and premises any rubbish, tools, scaffolding, equipment, and materials that are not the property of the Government. Upon completing the work, the Contractor shall leave the work area in a clean, neat, and orderly condition satisfactory to the Contracting Officer. VA will follow with a facility terminal clean. | | |
| 82 | Who is responsible for contracting the commissioning agent? | | |
| VA Response | VA | | |
| 83 | Please confirm order of precedence for the contract documents. Does SOW prevail over the specifications and construction drawings? | | |
| VA Response | Other than working hours or phasing, these shall all be treated as equal. Any discrepancies shall be brought to the attention of the COR. | | |
| 84 | In regard to Door Schedule Note 1, will the VA offer hardware specs for replacement hardware? | | |

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| VA Response | Door hardware will be per typical VA hardware sets. GC to work with COR and JAHVA locksmith. Locksets shall accept IC 7-pin small format cores. VA will provide keyways and cores. Mortise locks shall be used. | | |
| 85 | Please confirm the changes to fire ratings noted on Door Schedule Note 3. | | |
| VA Response | Ratings are unchanged. Existing rated doors will be replaced with new equivalent doors. | | |
| 86 | Please confirm under Door Schedule Note 6 that all door panels will be replaced and frames will remain. | | |
| VA Response | Confirm. Keynote 2 specifies door frame to remain UNO | | |
| 87 | Will the VA consider an alternative flooring material of Terrazzo Tile for the project that will minimize the shutdown of the corridor halls? Here is a link as an example of the tiles: https://trendterrazzo.com/terrazzo-trend-original | | |
| VA Response | Link does not work. Contractor may submit a proposed alternate but the VA does not have to accept it. Terazzo will be tile per AI.101. | | |
| 88 | The hazardous material report shows there being duct mastic that contains ACM, is the intent of this project to have all ductwork that has ACM to abated and demo? | | |
| VA Response | AESUS: Per Asbestos Abatement contractor, all ductwork insulation is to be replaced, and mastic utilized on joints of all ductwork to be encapsulated. Ductwork is only replaced as indicated on plans. | | |
| 89 | Is the VA going to consider all existing pipe and duct insulation ACM? If so will be required to be abated and demo as part of the project? | | |
| VA Response | AESUS: Per Asbestos Abatement contractor, all ductwork insulation is to be replaced. Pipe insulation is not mentioned as requiring replacement. However, it should be protected during abatement and cleaned following abatement to ensure there is no cross contamination | | |

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| 90 | If the existing insulation is considered ACM how much linear feet is to be estimated to be abated/demoed? | | |
| VA Response | Refer to hazardous materials report | | |
| 91 | ED 101A - Demo of light fixtures, will abatement contractor, general contractor, or electrical contractor responsible for disposal of any PCB ballasts? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 92 | ED 10 IA - Note D Demo Scope, for surface mounted devices on concrete, if no suitable wall cavity is available, are we to remove concrete to allow for recessed mounting? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 93 | ED 101A - Where poured concrete or other unsuitable location is present, my ceiling mounted fire alarm devices be used? IE horn/strobes and strobes | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 94 | ED 101A - Note P, General Notes, if a lighting circuit is discovered to have over 16 Amps, will a change order be provided for installment of additional lighting circuit. | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 95 | ED 101A - During demo, if it is discovered that the lights are not supported properly, will the expense to support them be in addition to the initial bid? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 96 | ED 101A - During demo, if it is discovered that there are wiring issues such as missing grounding wires and/or shared neutrals will we be required to install missing wire. If so, will the expense to add them be in addition to the initial bid? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |

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| 97 | ED 101A- Note H, Demo Notes, who will be responsible for cleaning any ACM containment devices, and who will be responsible for storing said devices? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 98 | ED 101A- PA System, will the speakers be reused or all new? If reused, who will be responsible for cleaning the ACM speakers and who will store them? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 99 | EP 101A - Note N, General Notes, does this apply to Electrical, Mechanical, and other locked locations? Or just public access area? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 100 | What systems are necessary to remain actively functioning while the workspace is under construction? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 101 | Who will be responsible for determining if devices that are shown to be taken down are to be reused that are from an asbestos environment, or will they need to be replaced? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 102 | Will the VA require new devices to be installed in place of removed devices. (i.e. Fire Alarm, Paging, WAP, Lights, Security/PIV, Telecom, Nurse Call, etc.)? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 103 | Who will be responsible for the three existing wireless telephone antenna systems that are located above ceiling? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |

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| 104 | Will the relay boxes that are mounted below ceiling for Fire Alarm be relocated above ceiling or are they to remain below ceiling for access? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 105 | Will existing cable tray(s) be required to be removed. If so, will new cable tray(s) be required to be installed? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 106 | Will all work be conducted at night? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 107 | Much of the Ground Floor has concrete block walls, it is unknown which cells (if any) are poured with concrete. Will the block walls be required to be cut open to install conduit and prevent from having exposed raceways in the hallways? | | |
| VA Response | The intent is to recess. Coordinate with VA. Adding a furred wall and running conduit behind it will situationally be permitted if the furred wall does not conflict with required corridor widths. Please note, if a furred wall is added in front of an existing fire wall, the furred wall must also meet fire wall requirements. | | |
| 108 | Above ceiling, where access to wire raceways or anything else deemed necessary to reach is not accessible because of ductwork being in the road will the duct work be removed for the trades? | | |
| VA Response | This is means and methods and will be the responsibility of the contractor to determine best method. | | |
| 109 | The specifications call for an impervious rubber waterproof membrane for protection of electrical switchgear and other equipment. Can you provide a specification for thickness of this material? | | |
| VA Response | Disregard | | |
| 110 | In the areas shown to have asbestos-containing gypsum wallboard systems, will the gypsum board and | | |

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| | mud be removed in its entirety or only as needed for completion of the other work? | | |
| VA Response | See hazardous materials report for extents | | |
| 111 | While fireproofing and other above-ceiling ACMs are being removed, will an adjacent room off the corridor being abated be made available for installation of a decon, storage of maten•a1s, etc..? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 112 | If an adjacent room is made available, will we be able to cut an access hole through the smoke/firewall to access the ceiling in the corridor? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate item. See above response. | | |
| 113 | Are there any areas above the ceiling where the ductwork or other interferences are present that will prevent full abatement of the fireproofing? If so, is the abatement contractor to encapsulate it, and in what manner is it to be encapsulated? | | |
| VA Response | Contractor will determine means and methods to abate all fireproofing, to include moving interfering items temporarily if needed. Encapsulation would only be permitted in extreme circumstances with COR and AE's agreement and should not be planned on (other than duct mastic that is in scope to encapsulate) | | |
| 114 | Where is negative air from the containment to be exhausted? | | |
| VA Response | Means and methods. GC to coordinate | | |
| 115 | If negative air from the containment is unable to be exhausted outdoors, what alternate method is the abatement contractor to employ? | | |
| VA Response | Contractor shall find a path to exhaust outdoors (means and methods). Contractor may propose alternate approved method for abatement area exhaust to be reviewed by VA, VPIH, and CIH for potential approval but should expect to find a path to exhaust outdoors. | | |

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| 116 | Will particle counters be required for this project, and if so, are they to be data logging, and at what time intervals? | | |
| VA Response | No | | |
| 117 | Are there any uninsulated exhaust ducts in the corridors with gold ACM mastic? If so, is the mastic to be removed from the duct or the duct removed and replaced? | | |
| VA Response | AESUS: Per Asbestos Abatement contractor, all ductwork insulation is to be replaced, and mastic utilized on joints to be encapsulated. Uninsulated exhaust ductwork still requires encapsulation. | | |
| 118 | The existing ceiling and grid will need to be removed as ACM debris prior to construction of the above-ceiling containments. What are the requirements for prep in the corridors after the tunnel is constructed but prior to full containment being established above the scaffold deck? | | |
| VA Response | Duplicate question. See above. | | |
| 119 | Please provide the latest test and balance report for all areas included in this project. | | |
| VA Response | Unavailable | | |
| 120 | If an existing test and balance report is not available will the contractor be required to provide preconstruction test and balance report? | | |
| VA Response | Yes | | |
| 121 | Will a second site visit be held to do above ceiling investigations? | | |
| VA Response | Yes | | |
| 122 | If a second site visit is held, will there be a second round of RFis to address any concerns discovered during the second site visit? | | |

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| VA Response | Yes | | |
| 123 | On drawing ASB-4 it shows phase 9 does not contain ACM fireproofing, is this correct? | | |
| VA Response | Bid per plans | | |
| 124 | Will Johnson Controls (the hospital BAS system) be required to be tied into the new fan coil? If so, please provide drawings and specifications for all Johnson Controls required for this project. | | |
| VA Response | AESUS: Yes, the fan coil shall be tied into the JCI BAS system. Detail 4: Fan Coil Control Diagram has been added to sheet M001 and spec section 23 09 23 - DIRECT-DIGITAL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HVAC has been added. | | |
| 125 | Please provide clarification of the device to be removed and replaced at E6, on page MD201 | | |
| VA Response | AESUS: The two-lines/x/two-lines is ductwork and a drop from BOD to a demolished grille below | | |
| 126 | Please provide clarification of nomenclature for FCU-1 and any device that would possibly have to be replaced for all devices to be replaced were not verified due to the above ceiling area is considered a hot area (ACM). | | |
| VA Response | AESUS: FCU-1" refers to "Fan Coil Unit #1", refer to mechanical plans and schedule for replacement information for equipment above ceiling. | | |
| 127 | In the Solicitation for Bid Section 4.4 52.211-12 Liquidated Damages. (a) Contractor fails to complete this work within the time specified in the contract. The Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the government and the amount of $1700 for each calendar day of the delay until the work is completed or accepted. Please clarify what the terms of completed and accepted are to be. | | |
| VA Response | Definitions of "Completed" and "Accepted" in Construction Contracting IAW Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) | | |

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| | **Completed:**<br><br>A contract is considered physically completed when the contractor has delivered all supplies, completed all services, and the Government has inspected and accepted them. Completion also occurs when the contract is terminated or all options have expired. (FAR 4.804-4)<br><br>**Accepted:**<br><br>Acceptance is the Government's acknowledgment that delivered supplies or services conform to contract requirements. This is typically documented by an authorized representative on a receiving report or inspection form. (FAR 46.101)<br><br>Examples:<br><br>Example of Completed: A contractor finishes renovation work on a VA medical center building. The Government performs the final inspection and confirms all tasks in the statement of work are satisfied.<br><br>Example of Accepted: Following inspection, the Contracting Officer Representative signs the receiving report, officially accepting the completed construction work. | | |