

Question 1: The "Acceptance Period" for bids blank is not completed on the SF-1442. What is the acceptance period for bids?

Answer: 120 Days

Question 2: No specification provided for pneumatic tube, please advise.

Answer: SwissLog is VA's sole source vendor for the pneumatic tube system. We would recommend subcontracting all work related to the pneumatic tube system to SwissLog.

Question 3: For the Patient Ceiling Lifts in particular what will we be mounting to structurally in the ceiling?

Answer: Refer to structural drawings.

Question 4: Will the door headers be notched to provide continuous track movement as part of the patient lift?

Answer: No. Refer to drawings for extend of travel for patient lift.

Question 5: Please confirm that AHU-2081 & AHU-2082 remain with modifications to them.

Answer: AHU-2081 is an existing air handling unit that shall be replaced. AHU-2082 is a new air handling unit.

Question 6: Reference Drawing A601 – Door and Frames schedule: Door 2053.2 is marked as CC. Should this be CCD?

Answer: Yes, Door 2053.2 should be type CCD

Question 7: Reference Drawing A-122 Series – Furniture and Equipment Schedule: There are a number of items supplied by the Owner and installed by the contractor. Please provide shop drawings or other product data information for this equipment in order to see the complexity of installation.

Answer: Many of the VA supplied, contractor installed, items are standard healthcare items that contractors should be familiar with, and typically only require being mounted to the wall. The two exceptions to that statement are the Bio Safety Cabinet and the Laminar Flow. Attached please find product data for both of those units that was used for the design of the space. Please note this information is provided for reference only and the information (manufacturer, make, model number, type & quantity of accessories, vendor information, etc.) for the equipment that is purchased is to be provided by the VA. It is highly recommended that this equipment be installed

by a company who specializes in installing this type of equipment, and not completed by the general contractor. It would be acceptable to sub-contract the vendor(s) of the equipment to complete the install. A high level of coordination of this equipment will be required as this equipment is extremely valuable and highly technical.

Question 8: Provide the floor to bottom of structure above dimension for the 2nd floor in the area of this project. Construction is to be from the existing floor to the structure above and there is no indication of the elevations.

Answer: Approximate dimension between 2nd floor and bottom of 2nd floor interstitial is 11'-0". Actual dimension to be verified in the field.

Question 9: From the Pre-bid meeting: Will there be parking provided by the hospital? If so, where and if so, what will the parking fee be if any?

Answer: Parking is available in the "BLUE PARKING STRUCTURE". Parking costs are the responsibility of the contractor and respective employees. Parking passes are available for purchase from VA Medical Center.

Question 10: There was no "VA Notice of Limitations on Subcontracting – Certificate of Compliance for Service and Construction (Jan 2023) (Deviation) provided as an attachment.

Answer: VAAR 852.219-75 VA Notice of Limitations on Subcontracting – Certificate of Compliance for Service and Construction (Jan 2023) (Deviation) is located on page 58 of the solicitation for contractors to complete.