



United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Task Order Proposal Request

via

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract, ND/SD Region Veterans
Integrated Service Network 23 (VISN 23)

Solicitation Number: 36C26322R0040

Project: Correct Isolation Room Issues, 437-21-170

Project Location: Fargo VA Health Care System, Fargo, ND 58102

Pre-Proposal Site Visit:

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 10:00 am CT

Site visit location is Room BD-22, Fargo VA Health Care System

Due Date for Proposal Questions:

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 10:00 am CT

Due Date for Proposal Package:

Monday, February 7, 2022, at 10:00 am CT

This solicitation administered by:
Department of Veterans Affairs
Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO 23)
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SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD (Construction, Alteration, or Repair)	1. SOLICITATION NUMBER 36C26322R0040	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)	3. DATE ISSUED	PAGE OF PAGES 3 11
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IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.

4. CONTRACT NUMBER	5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER 437-22-2-6648-0002	6. PROJECT NUMBER 437-21-170
7. ISSUED BY Department of Veterans Affairs NETWORK 23 CONTRACTING OFFICE Attn: Karen Harris/ Contract Specialis 316 Robert Street N. STE. 506 St. Paul MN 55101	CODE 36C263	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO Department of Veterans Affairs NETWORK 23 CONTRACTING OFFICE Attn: Karen Harris/ Contract Specialist 316 Robert Street N. STE. 506 St. Paul MN 55101
9. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	a. NAME Karen Harris	b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) 651 293-3046

SOLICITATION

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS (Title, identifying number, date)

This solicitation is for the project titled Correct Isolation Room Issues, Project Number 437-21-170. Project site location is Fargo VA Health Care System, Fargo, ND 58102.

The contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment and supervision to accomplish the Correct Isolation Room Issues project per construction drawings and specifications. See Statement of Work, specifications and drawings for full project description and requirements.

This task order solicitation is 100% set-aside for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). General Contractors who hold a Multiple Award Multiple Year Indefinite Delivery Quantity (IDIQ) contract for the ND/SD region.

In accordance with VAAR 819.703(b), at the time of submission of offers 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 code assigned to this acquisition, AND
3. Listed as a verified SDVOSB in VIP database at www.vip.vetbiz.gov.

The project NAICS code is 236220, Commerical and Institutional Building Construction, small business size \$39.5 Million

Project Schedule: 365 calendar days from Notice to Proceed

Estimated Magnitude of Construction: \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000

Request for Information (RFIs) will only be accepted and acknowledged from contractors who hold a ND/SD IDIQ contract.

Subcontractors who need additional information are required to route questions through contractors who hold a ND/SD IDIQ contract.

RFIs will only be accepted and acknowledged via Vendor Portal, and not via telephone or email.

Due to the current pandemic, face masks are required to be worn at all times while on the VA campus including site visits. Please note additional site visit restrictions in the RFP.

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within 10 calendar days and complete it within 365 calendar days after receiving award, notice to proceed. This performance period is mandatory negotiable. (See 52.211-10).

12a. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS? (If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	12b. CALENDAR DAYS 10
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13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Sealed offers in original and 0 copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by 1000 am CST (hour) local time 02-07-2022 (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, the date and time offers are due.
- b. An offer guarantee is, is not required.
- c. All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.
- d. Offers providing less than 60 calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be considered and will be rejected.

OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR (Include ZIP Code)	15. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)
CODE _____ FACILITY CODE _____	16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS (Include only if different than Item 14.)

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work required at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of the solicitation, if this offer is accepted by the Government in writing within _____ calendar days after the date offers are due. (Insert any number equal to or greater than the minimum requirement stated in Item 13d. Failure to insert any number means the offeror accepts the minimum in Item 13d.)

AMOUNTS	<p>***A completed Price Schedule and Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet must be submitted for all line items*** CLIN 0001 ITEM 1 (Base Bid): \$ _____ CLIN 0002 ITEM 2 Alternate Deduct #1 \$ _____ CLIN 0003 ITEM 3 Alternate Deduct #2 \$ _____ CLIN 0004 ITEM 4 Alternate Deduct #3 \$ _____</p>
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18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

(The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation -- give number and date of each)

AMENDMENT NUMBER									
DATE.									

20a. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)	20b. SIGNATURE	20c. OFFER DATE
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AWARD (To be completed by Government)

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT	23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA 437-3620162-6648-854200-3220 23NR0WA23 Obligation Number:
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24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified)	ITEM	25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)() <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 3304(a) ()
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26. ADMINISTERED BY Department of Veterans Affairs NETWORK 23 CONTRACTING OFFICE 316 Robert Street N. STE. 506 St. Paul MN 55101	27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY Y Department of Veterans Affairs Financial Services Center PO Box 149971 Austin TX 78714-9971 PHONE: _____ FAX: _____
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CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE

<input type="checkbox"/> 28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work requirements identified on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration stated in this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c) the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications incorporated by reference in or attached to this contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> 29. AWARD (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further contractual document is necessary.
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30a. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Type or print)	31a. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Jennifer Johnson		
30b. SIGNATURE	30c. DATE	31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____	31c. AWARD DATE

A.3 52.211-6 BRAND NAME OR EQUAL (AUG 1999)

(a) If an item in this solicitation is identified as "brand name or equal," the purchase description reflects the characteristics and level of quality that will satisfy the Government's needs. The salient physical, functional, or performance characteristics that "equal" products must meet are specified in the solicitation.

(b) To be considered for award, offers of "equal" products, including "equal" products of the brand name manufacturer, must—

(1) Meet the salient physical, functional, or performance characteristic specified in this solicitation;

(2) Clearly identify the item by—

(i) Brand name, if any; and

(ii) Make or model number;

(3) Include descriptive literature such as illustrations, drawings, or a clear reference to previously furnished descriptive data or information available to the Contracting Officer; and

(4) Clearly describe any modifications the offeror plans to make in a product to make it conform to the solicitation requirements. Mark any descriptive material to clearly show the modifications.

(c) The Contracting Officer will evaluate "equal" products on the basis of information furnished by the offeror or identified in the offer and reasonably available to the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer is not responsible for locating or obtaining any information not identified in the offer.

(d) Unless the offeror clearly indicates in its offer that the product being offered is an "equal" product, the offeror shall provide the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

(End of Provision)

PRICE SCHEDULE

Correct Isolation Room Issues , 437-21-170

Base Project

Description	Price
<p><u>CLIN 0001 ITEM 1 (Base Bid)</u> – The Contractor shall furnish labor, materials, equipment, and supervision to accomplish the “Correct Isolation Room Issues” at the Fargo VA Health Care System, Fargo, ND 58102. See Scope of Work and Specifications for full description.</p>	\$
<p><u>CLIN 0002 ITEM 2 (Deduct Alternate #1)</u> Base Bid less work eliminated under Deduct Alternate #1</p> <p><i>Deduct Alternate #1 shall eliminate all references and requirements pertaining to a “Commissioning Agent” within contract documents.</i></p>	\$
<p><u>CLIN 0003 ITEM 3 (Deduct Alternate #2)</u> Base Bid less work eliminated under Deduct Alternate #1 and Deduct Alternate #2</p> <p><i>Deduct Alternate #2 shall eliminate the requirement to remodel three existing negative pressure rooms in the 3-Main Nursing Unit (3A-42, 3A-46 and 3A-48). Delete M-EF-514 and M-EF-524. Delete one package of FH-3A-1 and FH-3A-2.</i></p>	\$
<p><u>CLIN 0004 ITEM 4 (Deduct Alternate #3)</u> Base Bid less work eliminated under Deduct Alternate #1, Deduct Alternate #2 and Deduct Alternate #3</p> <p><i>Deduct Alternate #3 shall eliminate the redundancy requirements for the five remaining HEPA Filters Units.</i></p>	\$

NOTICE OF TASK ORDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

ISSUE DATE: January 12, 2022

PROJECT NUMBER: 437-21-170

PROJECT TITLE: Correct Isolation Room Issues

LOCATION: Fargo VA Health Care System

CONTRACTING POINT OF CONTACT: Karen Harris

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: February 7, 2022 at 10:00 am (CT)

Under the terms and conditions set forth in the Network Contracting Office 23 ND/SD Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC), VA Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO 23) requests that you provide a price proposal for the above referenced project as described below and in the attached Construction Documents. The following information is provided to assist you in preparing your proposal:

Note: All documentation submittal due times are local time (CT).

Note: If a firm is **not submitting** a proposal, you are requested to **submit a "No Bid" response** via email to the Contracting Officer or through Vendor Portal within five (5) days from receipt of the RFP.

SCOPE: The project shall include, but not be limited to demolition, new construction, remodeling, patch to match finishes, roofing work, mechanical HVAC system work, sprinkler work, plumbing, electrical (lights, power, systems). Construction work to correct issues with isolation rooms or negative air rooms as noted in the contract documents shall take place at the following locations within the medical center (and work at other locations associated with the rooms associated with running utilities, etc. to and from the spaces noted): 3-Main – Medical and Surgical Nursing Unit; Intensive Care Unit; Dental Service; and Emergency Department.

All of these areas will have on-going patient care activities (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) and access to rooms is limited, those who will be working in these areas shall be cognizant of patient and staff needs and issues with construction in terms of noise, vibration, infection control, disruption within the area, etc. Work hours, days and times may be limited due to patient care restrictions. The construction contractors shall work with the VA COR to schedule work activities at the locations noted and other rooms/ spaces required to complete the construction activities. The construction work must meet with current Infection Control Risk Assessment/ Pre-Construction Risk Assessment (ICRA/PCRA) requirements, interim life safety measures (ILSM) and all other applicable VA guides, manuals, and

requirements. Phasing plans shall be required to ensure continuous operation of all services under this project, as well as access to existing building(s), elevators, stairwells, corridors, etc. Phasing shall ensure patient service, department staff activities, etc. downtimes are kept to a minimum. Work will take place one room at a time unless the VA COR is able to arrange for more rooms at work site, with the exception of the Dental Service isolation room construction activities where both rooms shall be made available at the same time so one new isolation room may be constructed.

1. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

1.1. The contractor shall commence work under this contract within 10 calendar days after the notice to proceed, prosecute the work diligently, and complete the entire work ready for use not later than **365 calendar days** from the contractor's receipt of the notice to proceed. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

1.2. Working hours will be 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM unless otherwise stated in the SOW/drawings/specifications or pre-arranged with the local VA Engineering Office/Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

2. NAICS CODE: 236220, Commercial and Institutional Building Construction, size standard \$39.5M

3. MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION: Between \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000

4. BONDS:

4.1. Bid Guarantee: **Yes.** 20% as indicated in FAR Provision 52.228-1

Note: A scanned copy of the Bid Guarantee may be provided with the proposal. A signed and sealed original must be provided by the awardee prior to award.

4.2. Performance and Payment Bonds: **Yes.** Performance and payment bonds in the amount of 100% of the awarded CLIN(s) within 10 days after award of the task order. Commencement of construction is contingent upon approval of required bonds.

5. WAGE DETERMINATION: ND20220013 dated 01072022. Full text of Wage Determination is provided as an attachment.

6. SITE VISIT: An organized Site Visit has been scheduled for **January 18, 2022 at 10:00 am (CT).** Participants will meet at the Fargo VAHCS Engineering Conference Room; BD-22. Offerors are strongly encouraged to visit the VA installation to fully appraise themselves with the physical layout and the character and conditions under which the service is to be performed. Failure to do so will in no way relieve the successful offeror from the necessity of furnishing the services as specified in this proposal without additional cost to the Government.

Due to the current pandemic, a face mask will be required at all times while at the VA facility and only one representative from each company (general contractor &

subcontractors) may attend the site visit. All Visitors will be pre-screened for symptoms of COVID-19. Please allow enough time to ensure you arrive by the site visit start time.

7. SOLICITATION RFI/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS: Questions must be submitted to the vendor portal. Questions will be accepted up to **January 26, 2022 at 10:00 am (CT)**. All answers will be published to vendor portal via an amendment. The Government reserves the right to not answer any RFIs/questions after the stated due date/time.

8. BASIS OF AWARD: Price Only

Price Schedule Breakdown. The contractor shall submit a price schedule with a cost breakdown of all major cost elements by division.

- Price Completeness: Price proposals will be evaluated to determine if the proposal contains costs to perform all tasks as required by the Statement of Work, Specifications and Design Drawings.
- Price Reasonableness: Reasonableness is based on the total evaluated price compared to historical prices for similar efforts, comparison to the Independent Government Estimate (IGE), and price competition obtained by the offeror's proposals submitted in response to this RFP. A reasonable price represents an amount that a prudent person would pay in a competitive business environment.

9. SITE SUPERVISION: The Contractor shall provide supervision in accordance with contract clause 52.236-6, Superintendence by the Contractor.

10. PROPOSAL FORMAT:

10.1. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be submitted via the [eCMS Vendor Portal](#) and formatted as follows:

10.1.1. Offerors shall submit a cover letter and price proposal in the form of electronic documents. The cover letter shall include:

- a. The solicitation number;
- b. The name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail addresses of the offeror.
- c. A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item;
- d. Names, titles, phone numbers, facsimile numbers, and e-mail addresses of persons authorized to negotiate on the offeror's behalf with the Government in connection with this solicitation, and;
- e. Name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the proposal.

11.1.2. The price proposal shall be in the format provided in the attachments, including the Price Schedule Sheet and the Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet. The price proposal shall provide the total price and a price breakdown for the specified Divisions for this project.

11.1.2. Electronic documents shall be submitted in Microsoft Word and/or Microsoft Office Excel as applicable. An additional copy of all documentation shall be submitted using portable document format (.pdf).

12. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM): Contractors must ensure that their registration in SAM is up to date at time of proposal due date and prior to award of a task order. For more information, see the SAM website at <http://www.sam.gov>. A task order cannot be awarded to a contractor that is not registered and current in SAM.

13. CLAUSES:

13.1. All applicable Clauses of the base IDIQ contract for each offeror are incorporated into this solicitation in full force and effect.

13.2. FAR 52.222-23, NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTION (FEB 1999). Goals for minority participation for each trade and Goals for female participation for each trade: Minority: 0.7%; Female: 6.9%

14. SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS AND EXPERIENCE MODIFICATION RATE

14.1. All Bidders/Offerors shall submit the following information pertaining to their past Safety and Environmental record. The information shall contain, at a minimum, a certification that the bidder/offeror has no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat or one (1) willful OSHA or any EPA violation(s) in the past three years.

14.2. All Bidders/Offerors shall submit information regarding their current Experience Modification Rate (EMR) equal to or less than 1.0. This information shall be obtained from the bidder's/offeror's insurance company and be furnished on the insurance carrier's letterhead. Self-insured contractors or other contractors that cannot provide their EMR rating on insurance letterhead must obtain a rating from the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) by completing/submitting form ERM-6 and providing the rating on letterhead from NCCI. Note: Self-insured contractors or other contractors that cannot provide EMR rating on insurance letterhead from the states or territories of CA, DE, MI, NJ, ND, OH, PA, WA, WY, and PR shall obtain their EMR rating from their state-run worker's compensation insurance rating bureau.

14.3. A Determination of Responsibility will be accomplished for the apparent awardee prior to processing the award. The above information, along with other information obtained from Government systems, such as the OSHA and EPA online inspection history databases will be used to make the Determination of Responsibility. Failure to affirm being within the guidelines above or submit this information may result in a determination of "Non-Responsibility" for the bidder/offeror. NOTE: Any information received by the Government that would cause for a negative Determination of Responsibility will make the bidder/offeror ineligible for award. This requirement is applicable to all subcontracting tiers, and prospective prime contractors are responsible for determining the responsibility of their prospective subcontractors.

List of Attachments

See attached document: SOW FINAL 437-21-170 (2 pages).

See attached document: Specifications 09152021 437-21-170 (713 pages).

See attached document: Drawings FINAL 210903 437-21-170 (77 pages).

See attached document: BRAND NAME OR EQUAL 437-21-170 (1 page).

See attached document: PRICE SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN SHEET 437-21-170.

See attached document: Wage Determination ND20220013 01072022 (6 pages).

See attached document: Contractor Safety and EMR (2 pages).

See attached document: Format for Solicitation Q_A (1 page).