

## 36C26322R0040 Correct Isolation Room Issues (437-21-170)

### Questions and Responses

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**Question:** 1 - Reference: Spec 23 09 23

Will a Siemens Apogee Control System be acceptable to use on the Correct Isolation Room Issues Project?

Yes, a Siemens Apogee Control System is acceptable. Siemens Apogee Controls are equal component wise to the JCI Basis of design Building Controls. The existing building front end is JCI, the construction contractor shall, at no additional cost to the Government, shall provide all materials, equipment, labor, etc. to provide any required interface communication devices to communicate with the existing Fargo VA controls system front end.

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**Question:** 2 - Ref drawing 1-AS-03

Ref drawing 1-AS-03 Several notes indicate the contractor is required to remove, store, and protect equipment. Does the VA have an area to store furniture and equipment? If so where onsite is it located? If not does the equipment need to be store in a climate-controlled environment?

The VA will remove patient care related equipment and furniture. The construction contractor is responsible for other items that remain such as plumbing fixtures that may need to be protected in place or removed and reinstalled after the construction work for the project is completed. The VA does not have a storeroom for items the construction contractor may have to remove to perform their work. These items shall be stored by the construction contractor and be reinstalled by the construction contractor. The VA does not believe there is equipment or furniture that the contractor may need to remove that needs to be in a climate-controlled environment.

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**Question:** 3 - Roof Warranty

Who holds the warranty on the various roofs?

Roof Associated with project work in Dental Service:

- Warranty goes to May 4, 2032
- Pierce Lee Roofing – Installing Contractor
- Versico Roofing System - Manufacturer

Roof Associated with project work in the Emergency Department:

- Warranty goes to 2028.
- Herzog Roofing – Installing Contractor
- Firestone Roofing - Manufacturer

Roofs Associated with project work in the ICU:

- Roof directly above the Audiology – Eye – ENT area warranty expired in 2021.
- Roof above Sleep Study Area – warranty expired in 2003.

Roof Associated with project work in 3-Main:

- Roof above Metal Health Outpatient Area – Warranty expired in 2018.

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**Question:** 4 - Ref drawing 1-AS-04

Ref drawing 1-AS-04 – During pre-bid we were unable to view ICU rooms 3C-53 and 3C-54. Note 1 indicates ceiling to be completely removed but does not call out lift removal. Based on drawing 1-AS-10 keynote 12 indicates to reinstall patient lifts. Is the contractor required to remove lifts? What manufacture are the patient lifts?

The construction contractor shall be responsible to hire ARJO or ARJO certified staff for the removal, reinstallation, testing (after reinstallation) and other work required work to recertify the patient lift system is safe for patient use. This applies to each of the ICU patient rooms where work is performed under this contract. The portion of the ARJO patient lift system that is below the ceiling shall be removed. The supporting structure above the ceiling can and should remain unless the contractor determines it has to be removed and reinstalled after the HVAC work is complete.

All existing ICU patient rooms currently have ARJO lifts installed.



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**Question:** 5 - Ref drawing MH-10

Ref drawing MH-10 – What does keynotes 3 & 4 represent on detail 1?

The viewport in the ACAD drawing MH-10 cut off notes 3 and 4. Notes 3 and 4 read as follows:

3. BALANCE EXISTING GRILLE/DIFFUSER TO AIR FLOW RATE INDICATED.

4. 18X14 EA DUCT UP TO ATTIC.

In addition, hex note 1 should state "PROVIDE AND INSTALL A NEW VISUAL DIGITAL ROOM DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE MONITOR FOR THIS ROOM". STAFF SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ FROM OUTSIDE THE ROOM IN THE CORRIDOR.

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**Question:** 6 - Ref drawing 1-AS-11

Ref drawing 1-AS-11 - Will a specification be provided for the spray applied fireproofing required on new structural steel?

Yes and SFRM (Applied Fire Proofing 07 81 00) specification is attached.

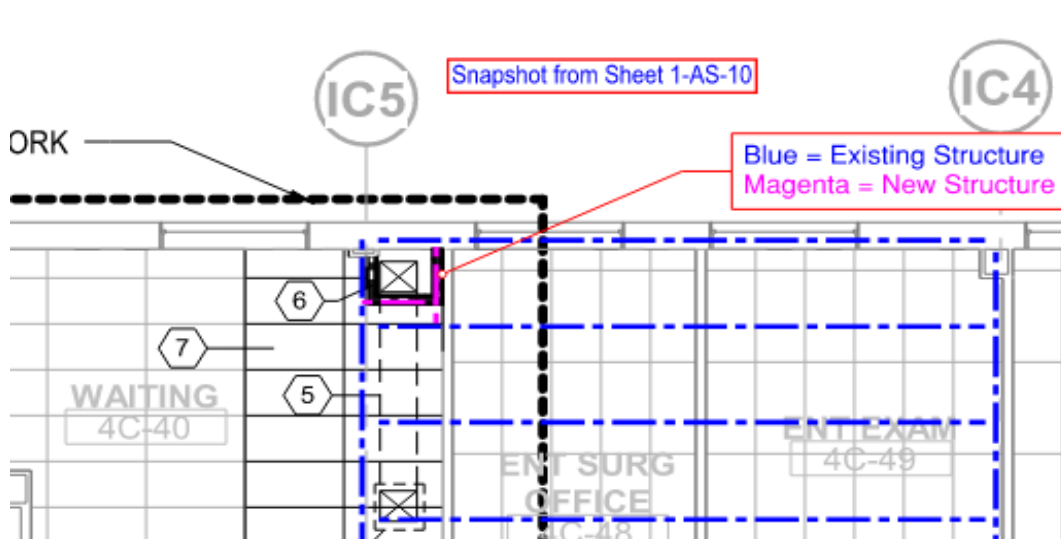
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**Question:** 7 - Ref drawings 1-AS-07 & 1-AS-10

Ref drawings 1-AS-07 & 1-AS-10 - 4 new duct openings will require structural steel per detail 8/1-AS-11. On drawing 1-AS-10 with column line IC5 shown left of the new opening, where is the next structural member located on the right side of the opening? If in the ENT surge office will this room be vacated and what is the ceiling type?

See sketch for beam location. There should not be the need to go into room ENT Surge office.



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**Question:** 8 - Ref drawing 1-AS-12

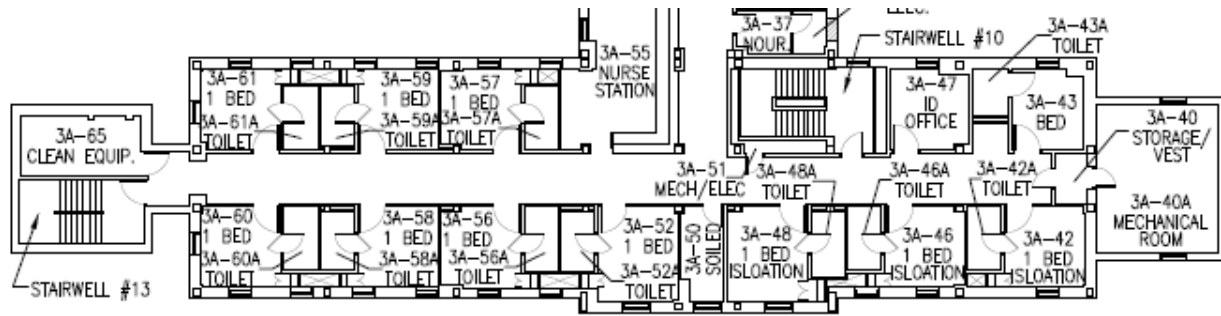
Ref drawing 1-AS-12 - Will ICU rooms 3C-53 and 3C-54 be added to the room finish schedule?

No - Besides a new ceiling no other new finishes shall be needed in these rooms.

The image below shows the correct room numbers for the 3-Main rooms being worked on under this project for all trades and drawings under this contract.

At a minimum, plans where the wrong room numbers have been indicated on the drawing set:

- Detail 1 / 1-AS-11
- Room Finish Schedule on drawing 1-AS-12
- Detail 1 / E-7



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**Question:** 9 - Ref spec 01 00 00 part 1.19 A

Ref spec 01 00 00 part 1.19, A - Can the contractor complete photo requirements if qualified in lieu of a commercial photographer being onsite daily?

Yes, photos may be taken by the contractor in lieu of a commercial photographer.

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**Question:** 10 - Critical Room Controls

Can Critical Room Controls (CRC) be used in lieu of Phoenix EXV Venturi Exhaust valves? The Phoenix brand is no longer available in this area and parts are not accessible.

Yes - This manufacturer meets or exceeds base building design.

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**Question:** 11 - Occupied Space

Will work in the occupied spaces (patient care, nurse areas, etc.) have to be done before and/or after hours? Will normal working hours be acceptable if coordinated well in advance? Will EMS be assisting with any cleaning?

Work in occupied spaces shall be coordinated through the VA COR with a minimum of 21 calendar days' notice. Depending upon what the planned work is going to be, will in part determine if the work will be done before or after normal work hours. Work that is disruptive to patient care may have to be scheduled before or after normal hours, but in areas like 3-Main where patients are in the nursing unit 24 hour a day, work may be during normal business hours so as not to disrupt the patients when they are asleep for the night. Work that is not disruptive to patient care, such as wall finish installation in a well-ventilated construction enclosure could take place during normal business hours.

The contractor shall do their pick-up, general cleaning, etc. and the contractor, VA COR and EMS will work to schedule EMS staff for the final cleaning and disinfection of the areas before the next business day.

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**Question:** 12 - SOW- Proposal Due Date

Can we change the bid date to another date/day of the week that doesn't land on a Monday?

No -the proposal due date remains unchanged for this solicitation.

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**Question:** 13 - COVID

1. Executive Order 14042/VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.
  - a. Will the VA COVID-19 screening tool change from what is currently presented today?
2. Executive Order 14042/VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.
  - a. Are there any fines associated with employees not complying?
3. Executive Order 14042/VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.
  - a. If an employee is spot checked by a COR, and cannot provide a vaccination card or test, will the employee be asked to leave, or can they take a rapid test on site prior to returning to work?
4. Executive Order 14042/VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.
  - a. How long will the mandate be in place? Should we assume until the end of this contract?
5. VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.
  - a. Do the VHA Supplemental Requirements apply to subcontracts under \$250K?
6. 52.223-99 a. Does 52.223-99 apply to subcontractors under \$250K in contract value?
7. VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.
  - a. Do the VHA Supplemental Requirements apply to all employees associated with the contract, or only employees traveling to and working at the VHA campus?
8. 52.223-99/EO 14042 a. Please confirm all employees on contracts and subcontracts above \$250k are required to be vaccinated, even when not travelling to the VHA campus.
9. Executive Order 14042/VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.
  - a. Is testing required for exempt employees of covered contracts if the employee does not travel to or work at the VHA campus?

- Does 52.223-99 apply to subcontractors under the micro purchase threshold?
  - Do the VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for COVID-19 apply to subcontractors under the micro purchase threshold?
  - Executive Order 14042/VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors
- b. For subcontractors where 52.223-99 applies, will they need to test exempt employees that do not travel to or work at the VHA Campus?
- VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements.
- c. The VHA Supplement Requirements requires testing for exempt employees, but does not mention testing for employees that have been exposed to COVID 19 positive individuals. Are we to include costs for ancillary testing for unforeseen COVID 19 exposure, and if so what are the protocols? What are the protocols for contractor employees that test positive for COVID-19? If asked to leave the site, when can they return?

Executive Order 14042, VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors and FAR Clause 52.223-99 were not included in this solicitation and therefore, will not be addressed.

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**Question:** 14 - Tax

Will this project be Tax Exempt?

This project is not tax exempt.

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**Question:** 15 - SSHO

Can the project superintendent and SSHO be the same person?

Yes, per specification 01 35 26, Safety Requirements, paragraph 1.7.C "Site Safety and Health Officer" (SSHO) and "Competent Person" (CP)

C. These Competent Persons can have collateral duties as the subcontractor's superintendent and/or work crew lead persons as well as fill more than one specialized CP role (i.e. Asbestos, Electrical, Cranes, & Derricks, Demolition, Fall Protection, Fire Safety/Life Safety, Ladder, Rigging, Scaffolds, and Trenches/Excavations).

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**Question:** 16 - ICRA

Is the fusible 1-hr Fire Damper required for all locations?

Yes.

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**Question:** 17 - ICRA

Is the Heat Detector cut-off required for each location?

Yes.

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**Question:** 18 - ICRA

If the exhaust of the HEPA negative air unit doesn't have a feasible route to the exterior of the building is it acceptable to use existing return ducting?

Yes, contractor shall ensure returns grills on the same system in the work area are sealed and that the exhaust duct does not create a situation where the exhaust overcomes the return air system and pushes air into other rooms instead of returning to the air handling unit.