

Scope of Work – Construction
July 7, 2021

Project Number: 437-21-170

Project Title: Correct Isolation Room Issues

Description of Work:

General Intention: Provide all materials, labor, equipment, etc. to provide a complete and coordinated construction project for Fargo VA Health Care System project 437-21-170, Correct Isolation Room Issues and create negative pressure rooms in accordance with the contract documents and the scope of work.

The project shall include, but shall 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
- 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. \

Work at any time, may be Suspended by the Contracting Officer due to public health issues and the demand for hospital beds due to events these events or other health care system crisis issues. Work will then take place or start again once the construction contractor is notified in writing that the suspension of work has been lifted.

Duration: 365 days after the Notice To Proceed (NTP) is issued.

VHA Supplemental Contract Requirements for Combatting COVID-19

1. Contractor employees who work in or travel to VHA locations must comply with the following:

a. Documentation requirements:

- 1) If fully vaccinated, contractors shall show proof of vaccination.
 - i. **NOTE:** Acceptable proof of vaccination includes a signed record of immunization from a health care provider or pharmacy, a copy of the COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (CDC Form MLS-319813_r, published on September 3, 2020), or a copy of medical records documenting the vaccination.

- 2) If unvaccinated, contractors shall show negative COVID-19 test results dated within three calendar days prior to desired entry date. Test must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use or full approval. This includes tests available by a doctor's order or an FDA approved over-the-counter test that includes an affiliated telehealth service.
 - 3) Documentation cited in this section shall be digitally or physically maintained on each contractor employee while in a VA facility and is subject to inspection prior to entry to VA facilities and after entry for spot inspections by Contracting Officer Representatives (CORs) or other hospital personnel.
 - 4) Documentation will not be collected by the VA; contractors shall, at all times, adhere to and ensure compliance with federal laws designed to protect contractor employee health information and personally identifiable information.
- 2. Contractor employees are subject to daily screening for COVID-19 and may be denied entry to VA facilities if they fail to pass screening protocols. As part of the screening process contractors may be asked screening questions found on the [COVID-19 Screening Tool](#). Check regularly for updates.**
- a. Contractor employees who work away from VA locations, but who will have direct contact with VA patients shall self-screen utilizing the [COVID-19 Screening Tool](#), in advance, each day that they will have direct patient contact and in accordance with their person or persons who coordinate COVID-19 workplace safety efforts at covered contractor workplaces. Contractors shall, at all times, adhere to and ensure compliance with federal laws designed to protect contractor employee health information and personally identifiable information.
- 3. Contractor must immediately notify their COR or Contracting Officer if contract performance is jeopardized due to contractor employees being denied entry into VA Facilities.**

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