



United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Task Order Proposal Request

via

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract, Minnesota MATOC

Solicitation Number: 36C26322R0057

Project: Repair Salt Room Structure, 656-21-107

Project Location: St. Cloud VA Health Care System, St. Cloud, MN 56303

Pre-Proposal Site Visit:

One site visit will be available on Thursday, January 13, 2022

The meeting will begin at 9:00am CT

The site visit will begin in the Projects Department Building 3, Room 205A, of the St. Cloud VAHCS, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303

Due to the ongoing pandemic, a medical-grade face mask (not provided by VA) will be required at all times while at the VA facility. Limit one individual per Prime Contractor. Please make sure to have a valid driver's license in order to obtain a temporary badge, ask for Wayne Carriveau at time of arrival. If required, Wayne can be reached at (320) 255-6480 extension 6735. The temporary badge must be returned at time of departure. Please email eric.reis@va.gov to reserve a spot.

Due Date for Proposal Questions:

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 1:00 pm CT

Due Date for Proposal Package:

Friday, January 28, 2022, at 2:00 pm CT

This solicitation administered by:
Department of Veterans Affairs
Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO 23)
316 Robert Street North, Suite 506
St Paul, MN 55101

SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD (Construction, Alteration, or Repair)	1. SOLICITATION NUMBER 36C26322R0057	2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)	3. DATE ISSUED	PAGE OF PAGES 2 13
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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 656-22-1-239-0005	6. PROJECT NUMBER 656-21-107
7. ISSUED BY Department of Veterans Affairs NETWORK 23 CONTRACTING OFFICE (NCO 23) Attn: Eric Reis, Contract Specialist 316 Robert Street N. St. Paul MN 55101	CODE	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO See Block 7.
9. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	a. NAME Eric Reis	b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS) 651-293-3044

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)

Project Number: 656-21-107; Project: Repair Salt Room Structure; POC: Eric Reis, Contract Specialist, eric.reis@va.gov
Department of Veterans Affairs, NETWORK 23 CONTRACTING OFFICE (NCO 23), 316 Robert Street N., St. Paul MN, 55101

The contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, and equipment required for Repair Salt Room Structure at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center, 4801 Veterans Dr, Saint Cloud, MN 56303.

The work consists of demolition and new construction. 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 Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract for the Minnesota 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, Commercial and Institutional Building Construction, small business \$39.5 Million

Project Schedule: 150 Calendar Days after Notice to Proceed date.

Estimated Magnitude of Construction: \$150,000.00 and \$250,000.00.

Requests for Information (RFIs) will only be accepted and acknowledged from contractors who hold a MN IDIQ contract. Subcontractors who need additional information are required to route questions through contractors who hold a MN IDIQ contract.

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

Please note: If an Offeror is not submitting a proposal, the Offeror must submit a "No Bid" response through Vendor Portal within five days from receipt of this Request for Proposal. 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 8 calendar days and complete it within 150 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 Zero copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by 2:00pm CDT (hour) local time (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.

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Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet

PRICE SCHEDULE

Repair Salt Room Structure, 656-21-107

Base Project:

Description	Price
Base Project – The Contractor shall furnish labor, materials, equipment, to accomplish the “Repair Salt Room Structure” at the St. Cloud VA Health Care System, St. Cloud, MN 56303. See Scope of Work and Specifications for full description	

Project Title:	Repair Salt Room Structure	
Project Number:	656-21-107	
Contractor:		
Division #	Division Title	Base Project
1	General Requirements	
2	Existing Conditions	
3	Concrete	
4	Masonry	
5	Metals	
6	Wood, Plastics and Composites	
7	Thermal and Moisture Protection	
8	Openings	
9	Finishes	
10	Specialties	
11	Equipment	
12	Furnishings	
14	Conveying Equipment	
Subtotal General Building Construction		\$
21	Fire Suppression	
22	Plumbing	
23	Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning	
25	Integrated Automation	
26	Electrical	
27	Communications	
28	Electronic Safety and Security	
Subtotal Mechanical and Electrical		\$
31	Earthwork	
32	Exterior Improvements	
33	Utilities	
34	Transportation	
Subtotal Site Improvements		\$
	Miscellaneous (Contractor shall identify any costs included)	
Subtotal All Divisions & Miscellaneous (if any)		\$
	Profit	
	Overhead	
Proposal Grand Total		\$

NOTICE OF TASK ORDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

ISSUE DATE: January 4, 2022

PROJECT NUMBER: 656-21-107

PROJECT TITLE: Repair Salt Room Structure

LOCATION: St. Cloud VA Health Care System (VAHCS)

CONTRACTING POINT OF CONTACT: Eric Reis, Contract Specialist

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: 2:00 PM CT, January 28, 2022

Under the terms and conditions set forth in the Network Contracting Office 23 Minnesota 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: Repair Salt Room Structure will include but is not limited to: Add structural support to the existing salt room, located in the boiler house used for storing salt for the brine tank. This project will solve the structural integrity of the beams in the ceilings and in the walls related to the salt room structural deterioration. See Attachment A - SOW Salt Room Final for full scope of work, Attachment B - 656-21-107 100 PCT CD SPECIFICATIONS 1-3-2022 for specifications, and Attachment C - 656-21-107 100 PCT CD DRAWINGS 1-3-2022 for drawings. This is for work on the St. Cloud VAHCS campus located at 4801 Veterans Dr, Saint Cloud, MN 56303.

1. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

- 1.1. The contractor must begin work **8 calendar days** after the project task order is awarded, which will be authorized by a notice to proceed (NTP). The contractor must prosecute the work diligently and complete the entire work ready for use not later than **150 calendar days** from the contractor's receipt of the notice to proceed (NTP). The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

1.2. Working hours will be 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, 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

3. MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION: Between \$150,000.00 and \$250,000.00

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) shall be required. Bonds shall be submitted for approval to the Contracting Officer within **10 calendar days** after award of the task order. Commencement of construction is contingent upon approval of required bonds.

5. WAGE DETERMINATION: MN20210130 10-29-2021 Wage Rates Full text of Wage Determination is provided as Attachment D in this solicitation.

6. SITE VISIT: One organized Site Visit has been scheduled for **Thursday, January 13, 2022. The site visit will begin at 9:00 am CT.** Participants will meet at the **Projects Department Building 3, Room 205A, of the St. Cloud VAHCS, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303.** Wayne Carriveau will be the point of contact for this site visit at (320) 255-6480 extension 6735. 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 ongoing pandemic, a medical-grade face mask (not provided by VA) will be required at all times while at the VA facility. Limit one individual per Prime Contractor. Please make sure to have a valid driver's license in order to obtain a temporary badge, ask for Wayne Carriveau at time of arrival. If required, Wayne can be reached at (320) 255-6480 extension 6735. The temporary badge must be returned at time of departure. Please email eric.reis@va.gov to reserve a spot.

7. SOLICITATION RFI/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS: Questions must be submitted to the Vendor Portal. All answers will be published to vendor portal via an amendment.

Questions will be submitted via Vendor Portal to the CS/CO and COR. Answers will be published to Vendor Portal via amendment. Questions will be accepted up to **Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 1:00 pm CST**. No questions will be acknowledged after the cut-off date. The Government reserves the right to not answer any RFIs/questions after the stated due date/time, unless the COR determines the answer is essential to all offers to know.

8. BASIS OF AWARD: Price Only

- 8.1. In making a decision on the award of an individual order, the Contracting Officer may consider factors such as Past Performance on previously awarded contracts and task orders, and take into consideration, quality and timeliness of work performed, and/or other factors that may be relevant to the award of this particular order. The Contracting Officer will consider price under each order as one of the factors in the selection decision.
- 8.2. Price Only: Award will be based on price. Offeror shall submit a cost breakdown based upon the Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet to permit a complete analysis of price, including labor, burden, materials, equipment, transportation, supervision, and disposal.

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.
 - 10.1.2. The price proposal shall be in the format provided on p. 5-6, Price Schedule and Price Schedule Breakdown sheet. The price proposal shall provide the total price and a price breakdown for the specified Divisions for this project.

10.1.3. 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).

11. 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.

12. CLAUSES:

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

12.2. 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:

6980 St. Cloud, MN: Minority: 0.5%; Female: 6.9%

13. SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS AND EXPERIENCE MODIFICATION RATE

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.

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.

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.

A.3 52.236-27 SITE VISIT (CONSTRUCTION) (FEB 1995) ALTERNATE I (FEB 1995)

(a) The clauses at 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions, and 52.236-3, Site Investigations and Conditions Affecting the Work, will be included in any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation. Accordingly, offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where the work will be performed.

(b) An organized site visit has been scheduled for—

9:00 am CT on Thursday January 13, 2022

(c) Participants will meet at—

Projects Department Building 3, Room 205A, of the St. Cloud

(End of Provision)

A.4 52.236-26 PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE (FEB 1995)

If the Contracting Officer decides to conduct a preconstruction conference, the successful offeror will be notified and will be required to attend. The Contracting Officer's notification will include specific details regarding the date, time, and location of the conference, any need for attendance by subcontractors, and information regarding the items to be discussed.

(End of Clause)

A.5 VAAR 852.243-70 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGES— SUPPLEMENT (SEP 2019)

The FAR clauses 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions; 52.243-4, Changes; and 52.243-5, Changes and Changed Conditions, are supplemented as follows:

(a) Submission of request for equitable adjustment proposals. When directed by the Contracting Officer or requested by the Contractor, the Contractor shall, in accordance with FAR

15.403-5, submit proposals for changes in the work exceeding \$500,000 in writing to the Contracting Officer or Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO), and to the resident engineer.

(1) The Contractor must provide an itemized breakdown for changes exceeding the micro-purchase threshold (see FAR 2.101).

(2) The itemized breakdown shall include materials, quantities, unit prices, labor costs (separated into trades), construction equipment, etc. Labor costs shall be identified with specific material placed or operation performed.

(3) Proposals shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer or ACO and the resident engineer as expeditiously as possible, but not later than 60 calendar days, after receipt of a written change order by the Contracting Officer.

(4) Proposals shall be signed by each subcontractor participating in the change.

(5) The Contracting Officer will consider issuing a settlement by determination to the contract if the Contractor's proposal required by paragraph (a)(3) of this clause is not received within the time period specified in paragraph (a)(3), or if agreement has not been reached.

(b) Paragraphs (a)(1) through (5) of this clause and the following paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) apply to proposals for changes in the work \$500,000 or less:

(1) As a basis for negotiation, allowances not to exceed 10 percent each for overhead and profit for the party performing the work will be based on the value of labor, material, and equipment required to accomplish the change. As the value of the change increases, a declining scale will be used in negotiating the percentage of overhead and profit. This declining scale will also be used to negotiate the prime Contractor's or upper-tier subcontractor's fee when work is performed by lower-tier subcontractors (to a maximum of three tiers) and will be based on the net increased cost to the prime or upper-tier subcontractor, as applicable. Profit (fee) shall be computed by multiplying the profit percentage by the sum of the direct costs and computed overhead costs. Allowable percentages on changes will not exceed the following:

(i) 10 percent overhead and/or 10 percent profit (fee) on the first \$20,000.

(ii) 7.5 percent overhead and/or 7.5 percent profit (fee) on the next \$30,000.

(iii) 5 percent overhead and/or 5 percent profit (fee) on a balance over \$50,000.

(2) The Contracting Officer will consider issuing a settlement by determination to the contract if the Contractor's proposal required by paragraph (3) is not received within 30 calendar days, or if agreement has not been reached.

(c)(1) Overhead and Contractor's fee percentages shall be considered to include insurance other than mentioned herein, field and office supervisors and assistants, security police, use of small tools, incidental job burdens, and general home office expenses and no separate allowance will be made. Assistants to office supervisors include all clerical, stenographic and general office help. Incidental job burdens include, but are not necessarily limited to, office equipment and supplies, temporary toilets, telephone and conformance to OSHA requirements. Items such as, but not necessarily limited to, review and coordination, estimating and expediting

relative to contract changes are associated with field and office supervision and are considered to be included in the Contractor's overhead and/or fee percentage.

(2) Where the Contractor's or subcontractor's portion of a change involves credit items, such items must be deducted prior to adding overhead and profit for the party performing the work. The Contractor's fee is limited to the net increase to Contractor or subcontractors' portions of cost computed in accordance with this clause.

(3) Where a change involves credit items only, a proper measure of the amount of downward adjustment in the contract price is the reasonable cost to the Contractor if it had performed the deleted work. A reasonable allowance for overhead and profit are properly includable as part of the downward adjustment for a deductive change. The amount of such allowance is subject to negotiation.

(End of Clause)

A.6 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>
<http://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/>

(End of Clause)

See attached document: Attachment A - SOW Salt Room Final.

See attached document: Attachment B - 656-21-107 100 PCT CD SPECIFICATIONS 1-3-2022.

See attached document: Attachment C - 656-21-107 100 PCT CD DRAWINGS 1-3-2022.

See attached document: Attachment D - WD Stearns MN20210130 10-29-2021.

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