## 36E77619R0036 CONSTRUCT OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH BUILDING - SIOUX FALLS TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET

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1.	5-31-19	6-20-19	We are reviewing the project and noticed that the drawings say, "not for construction." Do you have the final versions? We just want to make sure that we are pricing the appropriate, complete set.	Please proceed with your proposal preparation. The drawings are 100% complete. The Sioux Falls VA Engineering Department has started to implement that verbiage on their construction drawings. They have found in the past that there are always updates to the drawings that come about from technical questions, so they realize that they will be reissuing a complete final revised version to the winning proposal.
2.	6-10-19		Regarding the HVAC temperature controls for this project, there is no mention of connecting the controls for the new building to the existing campus Johnson Controls Metasys system. All other project at this location have required a connection to the existing system except this one.  Will this be required on this project?	Spec Section 23 09 23 indicates the system to be
3.	6-10-19		I see that there is a Commissioning Specification in the project documents, which states the VA will engage the CxA under a separate contract.  I was wondering if you had a Commissioning Agent on the project yet and if not who to contact about inquiring about providing Commissioning services for your project.	VA has engaged a Commissioning Agent for the project.

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4.	6-20-19		Please clarify/provide specifications for translucent panels associated with the freestanding entry canopy.	The basis of design for translucent panels is for products manufactured by Kalwall Corporation. Other manufacturers may bid this project provided they meet or exceed all of the performance requirements of this product. Kalwall Corporation, Tel: (800) 258-9777– Email: info@kalwall.com
5.	6-20-19		Please clarify/provide specifications for the lawn irrigation system.	Drawing Sheet CU102 indicates the performance requirements of the lawn irrigation system and states that it is to be a design/build system. The system should be compatible with the existing lawn irrigation system.
6.	6-20-19		Can the project Superintendent act as QC and SSHO? If not, can they dual hat as Superintendent and QC or SSHO?	It is up to the general contractor to ensure that the roles are adequately represented on campus. Should the General Contractor have a Superintendent that is capable of these roles it will be allowed.
7.	6-20-19		Will you be seeking a tax exemption status on this project?	No, this is not exempt of sales tax. Contractors are required to pay sales and excise tax. Offerors shall include all applicable taxes in accordance with FAR by Reference Clause 52.229-3 "Federal, State and Local Taxes."
8.	6-20-19		Please provide the bid schedule for the base bid and alternates.	The price schedule concerning the base bid can be found in the solicitation under Price Schedule (PDF pg. 5). Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded. Pricing for this project is for the Base CLIN 0001 only.
9.	6-20-19		The mechanical and plumbing drawings reference an alternate 6 but the alternate descriptions in the specifications reference alternate 8. Please advise.	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.

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10.	6-20-19		Who is the pre-selected controls system integrator? Please provide their contact information.	See item 2. Jason Klocker JCI - Fire Alarm/security/ PACS Systems - jason.m.klocer@jci.com 605-362-5325 Greg Hintgen JCI Metasys Gregory.j.hintgen@jci.com 605-362-5315
11.	6-20-19		Please provide the current advanced metering system used at the VA.	Metering systems are typically integrated into the switchboard by the switchboard manufacturer
12.	6-20-19		Exterior wall sheathing is called out in two different specifications sections: Section 061000- Rough Carpentry, 3.1.C Sheathing calls for "Provide Plywood or Structural Use Panels for Sheathing. Section 092900- Gypsum Board, 2.2 calls for Gypsum Board Sheathing The details on Drawings AE304, AE305, AE701, and AE702 shows the Plywood Sheathing- mainly under the face brick. The details on Drawings AE601 and AE701 show the gypsum board sheathing- mainly under the metal wall panels, but details 5 and 6 on AE702 show OSB under the meal wall panels. This can cause much confusion when it comes to install the exterior wall sheathing. Might it be simpler and more cost effective to just one type of exterior wall sheathing under all facings instead of 3?	This building project utilizes 3 exterior wall sheathing types:  1. Gypsum Board Sheathing used at brick and metal panel sided walls.  2. Plywood Sheathing used on backside of parapet walls as a roofing membrane nail board.  3. Polyiso. Insulation/ 5/8" OSB Nail Board (Section 07 22 00), used as a roofing membrane nail board and corrugated siding nail board.  At Wall Sections 10/AE304, 4/AE305 & 5/AE305-change note referring to 5/8" Ext Plywood to 5/8" Gypsum Sheathing.

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13.	6-20-19		Who installed the duress system that is currently in use at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls? I would like to be able to inform the electricians bidding a new project who they should reach out to for a bid to expand the duress system. If that information isn't available, I was wondering what brand of duress system is installed?	The existing duress system will not be used as an example of what to provide for the new building. The VA is exploring a new system for the campus. For bidding purposes for this building, the contractor shall provide a completely new system with the following minimum features, in addition to features described in the specifications:  The system shall feature wireless devices for each office or room where duress alarms are shown.  The wireless devices shall feature a personal transmitter that emits a coded signal when activated, which interfaces with a receiver in each office or area with a duress alarm. The receiver then sends out a message to the control unit (hub), and includes information related to the location of the emergency and other relevant details. Some rooms will require a fixed wall duress alarm, which will operate similarly to the personal transmitters. The system shall be expandable and reconfigurable to allow re-assignment of transmitter data for personnel office moves and/or reassignment. The system shall be able to communicate from the main control panel, through the VA fiber optic data network, to a central location chosen by the VA. The system shall not use the wireless access points in the building for communication.
14.	6-20-19		Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?	Reference response to Question #7.

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15.	6-20-19		Due to current potentially significant tariffs being placed on the importation of building materials such as wood or steel by the current Presidential Executive Branch, if a tariff is placed after bid time and before award will the government consider a price escalation on a contract value for products such as steel or wood should the executive branch levee tariffs effecting such materials? Most of these materials would still have been Buy American compliant as the tariffs would increase pricing on all steel or wood materials, regardless of origin.	No, a price escalation will not be considered.
16.	6-20-19		Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?	Yes. VA will provide this information to the successful bidder.
17.	6-20-19		Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?	Yes. VA will provide this information to the successful bidder.
18.	6-20-19		Will the government accept the use of the industry leading Procore Project Management software as the primary submittal and data tracking tool for this project? The software is compatible with the VA's networks and is currently in use at many VA locations.	VA will provide the use of Submittal Exchange for use on this project at no cost to the contractor. Contractor will be expected to manage that system.
19.	6-20-19		During construction in an area where the ceilings or fire suppression system will be disrupted, will NFPA 241 apply? Will the government require additional security measures beyond NFPA code such as fire watch, temporary fire alarms, adjustments to sprinkler heads, etc.	Yes. The VA has adopted the NFPA standards as code. The contractor shall follow all protocols noted within NFPA 13, 72, 99, 101 and 241 regarding outages for fire alarm systems and fire suppression systems. Proper fire watch shall be provided where required by governing NFPA standards. Contractor shall keep fire alarm and fire sprinkler system in operation as long as possible to minimize outages.

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20.	6-20-19		Does the Government have a fire alarm servicer that they currently work with? What is the name and contact information of the person or persons that will need to be coordinated with for security and fire alarm and suppression systems work and/or disruptions?	The VA Sioux Falls facility current Fire Alarm system is a JCI system and any new work shall be by the same manufacturer to provide one complete and operable system. A contact provided by VA for JCI is Jason Klocker, email is <a href="Jason.m.klocker@jci.com">Jason.m.klocker@jci.com</a> . Owner should provide local VA point of contact information and verify name of fire sprinkler servicing contractor.
21.	6-20-19		Has the work area been checked for asbestos, can the report be published prior to bid date?	VA has published an asbestos report for Building 1. Contractor shall confirm presence of asbestos in Buildings 15 and 18, and notify VA for mitigation.
22.	6-20-19		What is the Governments' policy if asbestos products are encountered during construction?	VA has contract in place for mitigation.
23.	6-20-19		Does the Government currently have a 3rd party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?	See Spec Section 01 45 29. Testing shall be provided by the Contractor.
24.	6-20-19		Who is responsible for the utility locations?	Contactor shall be responsible for utility locations.
25.	6-20-19		Describe all tasks that may be required for this project as it relates to infectious control?	Infection Control will be specific to Building 1 interconnections. Tasks related to infection control must meet VA requirements.
26.	6-20-19		What is the level of infectious disease control rating for this site?	Preconstruction Risk Assessments and Interim Life Safety Measures meetings will be held with selected solicitor. Due to the nature of this contract, most work will be executed on the new construction of the Mental Health Building which will not have impact to patient care. Work within Building 1 has the potential to impact patient care.
27.	6-20-19		Who is responsible for HVAC controls on this campus and who is the point of contact?	See Item #10

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28.	6-20-19		Is a dedicated SSHO required for this project or can the onsite super or project manager also act as the SSHO?	Reference response to Question #6.
29.	6-20-19		Is there any phasing for this project?	No. However, contractor will be required to coordinate construction activities related to Building 1 and Building 16 interconnections with VA.
30.	6-20-19		What are the work hour restrictions for this project?	Shut downs impacting steam or power must be coordinated with VA COR and will require off shift hours such as nights and weekends. All Federal Holidays are also considered to be outside of normal work hours
31.			Can the SSHO and CQC manager be the same person?	Reference response to Question #6.
32.			Can the SSHO serve as superintendent?	Reference response to Question #6.
33.			Can the CQC serve as superintendent?	Reference response to Question #6.
34.			Do the SSHO and CQC need to be employees of the General Contractor?	Reference response to Question #6.
35.			Do the SSHO and CQC need to maintain presence on site all times work is occurring?	Reference response to Question #6.
36.			What is the minimum number of employees the General Contractor must employ on site any time work is occurring?	The VA does not specifically dictate the number of employees required on site. The contractor must follow all safety guidelines which may require a minimum number of employees.
37.			Can the CQC system manager serve as specialized personnel listed in 01 45 00 3.4.C provided he or she meets the requirements listed in the Experience Matrix?	Yes, provided the individual meets the experience requirements.
38.			Please confirm the CQC system manager must have completed the Naval Facilities Engineering Command / Army Corps of Engineers CQM course certification.	General Contractor must meet required personnel experience per the specifications provided in the solicitation.
39.			Can the SSHO and CQC have duties on other contracts, or must they be dedicated solely to this contract?	Reference response to Question #6.

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40.			Will the PRICE SCHEDULE include CLIN's for each of the ALTERNATES described in specification 01 23 00 ALTERNATES? Or can the alternate pricing be omitted and addressed after the award per CLIN 0001?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded. Pricing for this project is for the Base CLIN 0001 only.
41.			If required will Alternate No. 2 be provided in a single lump sum reduction for omitting 4 separate scopes; Plantings, retaining wall fencing, security gate, and irrigation?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
42.			If required will Alternate No. 3 be provided in a single lump sum reduction for omitting 3 separate scopes; snow melt system, entry canopy, and sunshades?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
43.			Can you confirm the Alternate No. 4 Omit 25% of the Data Cabling means that instead of four (4) cat6 connections at each voice/data outlet that (3) cat6 cables will be connected to each voice/data outlet?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
44.			Does Alternate No. 4 Omit 25% of the Data Cabling apply to the allowance for cabling to Forty (40) wireless access points throughout the facility? Alternate No. 4 to include cabling to thirty (30) WAPs?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
45.			Can you confirm the Alternate No. 5 Omit 50% of the Data Cabling means that instead of four (4) cat6 connections at each voice/data outlet that (2) cat6 cables will be connected to each voice/data outlet?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
46.			Does Alternate No. 5 Omit 50% of the Data Cabling apply to the allowance for cabling to Forty (40) wireless access points throughout the facility? Alternate No. 5 to include cabling to twenty (20) WAPs?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.

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47.			If required will Alternate No. 6 be provided in a single lump sum reduction for omitting 2 separate scopes; doors and wall protection?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
48.			Are plans or specific narrative describing VAV zones that are to be combined in Alternate No. 10? Is there a part "b." to Alternate No. 10?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
49.			Will a CLIN amounts be required for each of the ALTERNATES?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded. Pricing for this project is for the Base CLIN 0001 only.
50.			Please verify the Elevation and line for T.O.D LOBBY ROOF EL 121'-7 1/2" on 2/AE201? The line for EL 121' - 7 1/2" is drawn above the line for EL 125' - 5 1/2" and as shown the EL should be greater than EL's below it on plan 2/AE201.	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
51.			What is the base contract height of the TOP OF MTL PANEL/STUD WALL and TOP OF BR/STUD WALL for Alternate No. 9 shown on 5/AE111 and 2/AE201?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
52.			What is the base contract height of the T.O.D. CURTAINWALL ROOF for Alternate No. 9 shown on 2/AE201?	Alternates for this project do not apply. Any references in the Specs or Drawings to Alternates shall be disregarded.
53.			Is the specification 09 65 16 RESILIENT SHEET FLOORING complete with only 1 page, 09 64 16 - 4?	Specification will be corrected to include missing information. The correct section has 7 pages.
54.			During construction will we be allowed to close the vehicle entrance from W 22nd Street for the duration of the project?	Contractor will be allowed to close off this vehicle access drive immediately upon site mobilization.

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55.			During construction will alternate access to the south entrance of building 16 need to be provided by the contractor?	Contractor will be required to maintain access and egress to all of the occupied buildings on site.
56.			Will the construction limits extend into surrounding areas of building 16 to remove utilities (storm, steam lines, tele, and electrical lines)?	Yes. Construction Limits shown on Drawing Sheet CI101 should encompass the work required in Building 16.
57.			Is a hazardous material report available for buildings 15 and building 18?	No. See item 21.
58.			What scope of work does the VA believe will be required to be accomplished at night to prevent disruption of the hospital daily functions?	Shut downs impacting steam or power must be coordinated with VA COR and will require off shift hours such as nights and weekends.
59.			Will you accept Johns Manville 60 mil min Fleece back PVC, ENRGY3 Polyisocyanurate insulation, and 5/8" Dexcell FA Coverboard as acceptable products for this project.	Yes, please reference attachment posted with this amendment titled "Approved Substitution Request - Roofing".
60.	6-25-19		Fire Alarm System: I do not see any fire alarm system indications on the drawings (i.e. device legend or field devices). However, there is a specification and it calls for the expansion of the existing JCI fire alarm system. Please advise.  With regards to the fire alarm system serving this new space, JCI could expand upon the Building 1 system but the cable lengths would be extensive. JCI would recommend adding a small FACP and amplifier subpanel as an extension to the networked based campus fire alarm system given the distance between the new facility and the existing FACP / Amplifier subpanel serving Building 1 today (Room B37). To add another node, this would merely involve extending several network and audio trunk fire alarm (FPLR) circuits between panels. Please advise.	Sheet FG101, sheet 66 of 102, shows the Fire Alarm Symbols Legend and Fire Alarm General notes. Sheet FA101, sheet 70 of 102, shows fire alarm system layout. Sheet FA501, sheet 71 of 102, shows Fire Alarm Riser Diagram and Matrix. Fire Alarm Riser Diagram shows a new Fire Alarm Extender Panel/Control Panel in the new building and connecting to Building 1 via fiber optic cables connections.

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61.	6-25-19		Video Management System: Given the absence of the fire alarm system indications, I	The fire alarm system is on plans and specs. See response by the fire protection engineer to fire
			thought it would be important to ask about the video	alarm system question above.
			management system. On numerous past conversations	
			about this project, cameras were referenced to be	Cameras/video management system are not part
			included as part of this project. Out of curiosity, was this	of the plans. Previous discussions with the VA
			system omitted?	indicate that the VA is investigating a security
				camera system for the building, which would
				typically include a video management system.
				Such a system is not included in the bidding
				documents.

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62.	6-25-19		Electronic Personal Protection System: The specification calls for the extension of the existing system (provided by others – not JCI) and it also references the PACS System (JCI's system) on numerous occasions. What is expected of this system in terms of interfacing to the PACS System? If an interfaced system is required, this can be done via dry contacts but we'll need some more information on the intentions? If a true integration is required, this will entail some extensive research to ensure this can be done.	The existing duress system will not be used as an example of what to provide for the new building. The VA is exploring a new system for the campus. For bidding purposes for this building, the contractor shall provide a completely new system with the following minimum features, in addition to features described in the specifications:  The system shall feature wireless devices for each office or room where duress alarms are shown.  The wireless devices shall feature a personal transmitter that emits a coded signal when activated, which interfaces with a receiver in each office or area with a duress alarm. The receiver then sends out a message to the control unit (hub), and includes information related to the location of the emergency and other relevant details. Some rooms will require a fixed wall duress alarm, which will operate similarly to the personal transmitters. The system shall be expandable and reconfigurable to allow re-assignment of transmitter data for personnel office moves and/or reassignment. The system shall be able to communicate from the main control panel, through the VA fiber optic data network, to a central location chosen by the VA. The system shall not use the wireless access points in the building for communication.

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63.	6-27-19		Section 084113; I would like to request approval for Oldcastle Building Envelope's MSD-375 BlastMax entrances and FG-5100T BlastMax storefront. See attached product information.	Yes, please reference OBE MSD-375 BlastMax Entrances & OBE FG-5100T BlastMax Storefront specifications posted with this amendment.
64.	6-27-19		Section 084413; I would like to request approval for Oldcastle Building Envelope's Reliance BlastMax curtain wall. See attached product information.	Yes, please reference OBE Reliance BlastMax Curtain Wall specifications posted with this amendment.
65.	6-27-19		Section 084413; I would like to request approval for Industrial Louvers sunshades. See attached product information.	Not an approved equal. Product substitution request does not meet specified design and profile criteria.
66.	6-27-19		For section 084113, 084413, and 085113 see attached glass window product data for YKK Architectural Product for pre-approval. YHC 300 OG Curtain Wall YFW 400 TUH Windows	Yes, please reference YKKAP-Blast Products specifications posted with this amendment.
67.	6-27-19		Section 085113; since the windows on this project are fix and have no operable vents it makes more sense to make these as storefront thus eliminating this section entirely. The details for these windows appear to be storefront or curtain wall anyway.	A Storefront Window System can be substituted for Section 085113 Aluminum Windows. Section 085113 Aluminum Windows will remain as part of the bid documents.
68.	6-27-19		Sheet AE202, I cannot find any specifications for this translucent canopy?	The basis of design for translucent panels is for products manufactured by Kalwall Corporation. Other manufacturers may bid this project provided they meet or exceed all of the performance requirements of this product. Kalwall Corporation, Tel: (800) 258-9777– Email: info@kalwall.com

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69.	6-27-19		Sheet AE502, in the door schedule there are several frame type "B" aluminum frame, wood door sliding doors. I cannot find any specification section for these doors and frame?	At doors 119.01, 120.01, 121.01, 122.01, 123.01: The basis of design for these interior aluminum-framed sliding doors is "ExamSlide" sliding door system by AD Systems. Other manufacturers may bid this project provided they meet or exceed all of the technical and performance requirements of the specification.  AD Systems, ph. 425-374-1360, https://specadsystems.com/  At doors 109.01, 110.01, 111.01: use hardware group HW-116.
70.	6-27-19		What type of Plam go on the interior wood doors?	PLAM-1 Panolam Anigre
71.	6-27-19		There are several hardware groups that have electric strikes that do require power supplies, who is to supply these they are not called out in the hardware groups?	Use electric strikes compatible with specified door hardware. Provide power supply to doors with electric strikes as required.
72.	6-27-19		Can you clarify for me the submission requirements of the proposal? On page 8 of 53 of the solicitation it states email electronic submission is requested, but on page 9 of the solicitation requirements section F. #3 it states hand signature and not an electronic signature. Can you verify that the proposal is due electronically?	All proposals are required to be submitted electronically via email. Documents, which require a signature, must be hand signed and NOT digitally signed. You should scan the required hand signed documents and attach them with your proposal.

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73.	6-28-19		In Specifications Volume 1, Division 9, Section 096516 Resilient Sheet Flooring, some pages are missing. Currently only Page 4 is shown. Can you provide all the	Hallway 184 should be LVT-2. Alcove 149 should be LVT-2, continue pattern
			pages for Section 096516? Sheet IN101 - 184 Hallway has LVT-3 called out. Sheet IN102 - 184 Hallway has LVT-2 listed. Sheet IN102 - 149 Alcove has LVT-1 listed, but, shows no specific layout for this product on Sheet IN101. Please advise.	from Hallway.
74.	6-28-19		Several of the mechanical plan sheets reference the drawing number MH401, but that sheet is not part of the plan set that is available. I was curious if that sheet does not exist or if it was accidently left out. If this drawing sheet is available, could you please provide?	Drawing sheet MH401 is not part of the bid documents.
75.			Can you clarify what is expected for the solicitation requirements on page 9 #3-5 FAR Responses.  Just a statement saying we concur with the FAR or agree with the FAR?	You must complete the section cited, then return all the pages pertaining to FAR 52.209-7, 52.209-13, and 52.219-28 with your proposal.