

**568A4-21-208, DOM Reno Rooms Bldg. 8**  
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1. Drawing GI014 project general note O states that all wood used in wall construction is to be fire retardant treated lumber. Can you please provide a specification? **See Specification section 061000 Rough Carpentry.**
2. Drawing GI014 project general note O states that all wood used in wall construction is to be fire retardant treated lumber. Is the timber for the porch to be fire retardant treated lumber? **See the answer for 1 above.**
3. Is the solid sawn wood decking to be fire retardant treated lumber? **No. See the information sheet note taken from SE-111 and SE-112.**

<b>SOLID SAWN WOOD DECKING SHALL BE 1½"x5¼" (2x6 NOM.) AND SHALL BE STRUCTURAL SELECT DOUGLAS FIR LARCH (DF), AND SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM PROPERTIES:</b>	
<b>MODULUS OF ELASTICITY (E)</b>	<b>1,900,000 PSI</b>
<b>BENDING (Fb)</b>	<b>1,200 PSI</b>
<b>SHEAR (Fv)</b>	<b>180 PSI</b>

4. Is the Rough Sawn Lumber for the porch to be fire retardant treated lumber? **See the answer for 3 above.**
5. What wood species is the solid sawn wood decking for the porch framing to be? **See the answer for 3 above.**
6. What wood grade is the solid sawn wood decking for the porch framing to be? **See the answer for 3 above.**
7. What wood grade is the Rough Sawn Lumber for the porch to be? **See the listed information concerning the rough sawn lumber for the porches RS lumber. This information was taken from sheet SE-001.**

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4. STRUCTURAL 6x8, 8x8, AND 8x10 WOOD COMPONENTS ARE TO BE FULL SIZE (ROUGH SAWN) AND HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AS DF NO.1 OR BETTER AND SHALL HAVE THE MINIMUM ALLOWABLE FIBER STRESSES AND PROPERTIES:

MODULUS OF ELASTICITY (E)	1,600,000 PSI
BENDING (Fb)	1,200 PSI
SHEAR (Fv)	170 PSI

5. STRUCTURAL 6x10 WOOD COMPONENTS ARE TO BE FULL SIZE (ROUGH SAWN) AND HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AS DF NO.1 OR BETTER AND SHALL HAVE THE MINIMUM ALLOWABLE FIBER STRESSES AND PROPERTIES:

MODULUS OF ELASTICITY (E)	1,600,000 PSI
BENDING (Fb)	1,350 PSI
SHEAR (Fv)	170 PSI

6. STRUCTURAL 8x12 AND 10x12 WOOD COMPONENTS ARE TO BE FULL SIZE (ROUGH SAWN) AND HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AS DF SELECT STRUCTURAL OR BETTER AND SHALL HAVE THE MINIMUM ALLOWABLE FIBER STRESSES AND PROPERTIES:

MODULUS OF ELASTICITY (E)	1,600,000 PSI
BENDING (Fb)	1,500 PSI
SHEAR (Fv)	170 PSI

8. What wood species is the Rough Sawn Lumber for the porch to be? **See the answer to 7 above.**
9. Can you please provide a specification for the solid sawn wood decking for the porch? **There is no direct spec section for the solid sawn wood decking. The provided Rough Carpentry spec has some pertinent information. Please refer to the sheet notes on SE-111 and SE-112 for additional information concerning the solid sawn decking and its attachment to the framing.**
10. Can you please provide a specification for the Rough Sawn Lumber for the porch? **There is no direct spec section for the solid sawn wood decking. The provided Rough Carpentry spec has some pertinent information.**
11. Drawing GI014 project general note S states that the contractor shall make allowances for details which might have been inadvertently omitted from the drawings. How many dollars per detail inadvertently omitted shall the contractor account for? **Disregard general note S.**
12. Drawing GI014 project general note S states that the contractor shall make allowances for details which might have been inadvertently omitted from the drawings. What is the definition of an inadvertently omitted detail? **Disregard general note S.**

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13. Drawing GI014 contractor general note G states to paint new and existing piping, conduit, wire mold, electrical panels, access panels, etc. to match wall finish unless otherwise noted. What type of new and existing piping is to be painted? **All new and existing piping, conduit, wire mold, electrical panels, access panels, ect needs to be painted.**
14. Drawing GI014 contractor general note K states that utility work that requires a shutdown of existing services will be done after normal working hours (Nights, weekend, holidays, etc) at no additional cost to the government. Are all utility shutdowns to be scheduled outside normal working hours(Nights, weekend, holidays, etc)? **Outages that only affect Building 8 can be done during normal working hours.**
15. Drawing GI014 contractor general note K states that utility work that requires a shutdown of existing services will be done after normal working hours (Nights, weekend, holidays, etc) at no additional cost to the government. Will some utility shutdowns be allowed during normal business hours? If yes, which ones? **Outages that only affect Building 8 can be done during normal working hours.**
16. Drawing GI014 contractor general note L states that work that must occur in occupied areas such as public corridors of the public medical center or disrupt a medical center function will be done at time other than normal working hours. Will all work that takes place under these conditions be required to be performed outside normal working hours? **Yes any work that occurs in occupied areas will be done at other than normal working hours.**
17. Drawing GI102 Keynote Note 5.42E show a painted steel stair for room 208 Attic Access. Can you please provide a detail for this? **See Detail A4/AE701.**
18. Drawing GI121 Keynote 1.02 calls for a 7' tall fence. Is a 6' tall fence acceptable? **6' is acceptable.**
19. Drawing GI100 Keynote 8.33A calls for a smoke guard. Can you please provide a specification? **See Spec section 083343 Overhead Coiling Smoke Curtains for Elevator Doors.**
20. Drawing GI100 Keynote 8.33C calls for a smoke guard curtain. Can you please provide a specification? **There is no keynote 8.33C**
21. Drawing HA100 General Demolition Note T calls for existing interior wood painted finishes to be stripped to bare wood and prepped for new stain finish. Exterior painted wood surfaces to be stripped to bare wood and prepped for new paint. Is this work required only at keynote locations 2.91, or 2.92? **Work is to be completed at all keynote locations 2.91 and 2.92.**
22. Drawing HA100 General Demolition Note T calls for existing interior wood painted finishes to be stripped to bare wood and prepped for new stain finish. Exterior painted

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wood surfaces to be stripped to bare wood and prepped for new paint. Is this work required in any location other than locations shown with keynote 2.91 or 2.92? **See 21**

23. Drawing HA100 General Demolition Note T calls for existing interior wood painted finishes to be stripped to bare wood and prepped for new stain finish. Exterior painted wood surfaces to be stripped to bare wood and prepped for new paint. Is this work required for the interior and exterior at locations 2.91 and 2.92? **See 21**
24. Drawing HA100 General Demolition Note T calls for existing interior wood painted finishes to be stripped to bare wood and prepped for new stain finish. Exterior painted wood surfaces to be stripped to bare wood and prepped for new paint. Is this work required to be performed by an abatement contractor? **Specifications Section 02 83 33.13**
25. Drawing HA100 General Demolition Note U calls to strip existing stained wood windows, trim, and sills. Prepare for new stain finish. Existing wood trim and sills to be removed and salvaged as necessary for reinstallation. Is this work required only at keynote locations 2.91, or 2.92? **See 21**
26. Drawing HA100 General Demolition Note U calls to strip existing stained wood windows, trim, and sills. Prepare for new stain finish. Existing wood trim and sills to be removed and salvaged as necessary for reinstallation. Is this work required in any location other than locations shown with keynote 2.91 or 2.92? **See 21**
27. Drawing HA100 General Demolition Note U calls to strip existing stained wood windows, trim, and sills. Prepare for new stain finish. Existing wood trim and sills to be removed and salvaged as necessary for reinstallation. Is this work required to be performed by an abatement contractor? **See 24**
28. Drawing HA100 General Demolition Note U calls to strip existing stained wood windows, trim, and sills. Prepare for new stain finish. Existing wood trim and sills to be removed and salvaged as necessary for reinstallation. Is this work required for the interior and exterior at locations 2.91 and 2.92? **See 21**
29. Drawing HA100 Keynote 2.94 calls to abate lead paint on wood porch floors, supports, railings, & trim. Interior and Exterior. Is this abatement required before removal? **See 24**
30. Drawing HA100 Keynote 2.94 calls to abate lead paint on wood porch floors, supports, railings, & trim. Interior and Exterior. Demo plans call to remove all of this material. Is all of this material to be abated before removal? **See 24**
31. Drawing SD101 note calls for contractor to demo (E) ftg and prepare subgrade as per recommendation of geotechnical engineer. Can the VA please provide the geotechnical engineer report? **No geotechnical report was done on the design of this project. It is the responsibility of the contractor to coordinate with a geotechnical firm to investigate.**
32. Drawing SD101 note calls for contractor to demo (E) ftg and prepare subgrade as per recommendation of geotechnical engineer. Is the contractor required to provide the geotechnical engineer report? **See answer to 31 above.**

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33. Drawing SD101 note calls for contractor to demo (E) ftg and prepare subgrade as per recommendation of geotechnical engineer. If there is no geotechnical engineer report to date, how shall the contractor estimate this scope of work? **See answer to 31 above.**
34. Drawing SD101 note states prior to excavation for elevator pit, contractor to install micropiles that stabilize this (E) fdn wall, see new floor plans for loads & detail req's. Is the contractor to engineer these micropiles? **See answer to 31 above.**
35. Drawing SD101 note states prior to excavation for elevator pit, contractor to install micropiles that stabilize this (E) fdn wall, see new floor plans for loads & detail req's. Is this to be a delegated engineered solution. **The GC will want to work with a specialty contractor who designs and installs this type of elements to develop an appropriate design for the required micropiles.**
36. Drawing SD101 note states prior to excavation for elevator pit, contractor to install micropiles that stabilize this (E) fdn wall, see new floor plans for loads & detail req's. Does specification section 31 63 20 meet the requirements of the VA TIL? **See the answer to 34 above.**
37. What are the prequalification requirements for installers for Specification section 31 63 20? **Please refer to section 1.03 Qualifications.**
38. VA TIL PG-18-1 Master Construction Specifications section 05 12 00 section 1.5.A calls for fabricator qualifications of AISC quality certification participant designated as AISC certified plant, Category STD. Is the metals fabricator required to be AISC certified as stated in the VA TIL master construction specifications? **Please refer to section 1.03 Qualifications.**
39. Specification Section 05 12 00 Section 1.5.B states Installer qualification: AISC quality certification program participant designated as AISC- certified erector, category ACSE. If the contractor provides a non AISC certified erector, will the work be accepted? **No as the erector, per the specs, is to be AISC certified.**
40. Is the structural steel installer required to be AISC certified? **See answers to 38 and 39 above.**
41. Specification Section 05 12 00 Section 1.5.A. What are the requirements for similar installations? **Unsure what is being asked. The fabricator needs to demonstrate five years of work serving as a fabricator for similar projects.**
42. Specification Section 05 12 00 Section 1.5.B. What are the requirements for similar installations? **Unsure what is being asked. The fabricator needs to demonstrate five years of work serving as a fabricator for similar projects.**
43. Can the project superintendent also serve as the CQC system manager? **No.**

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44. Can the project superintendent also serve as the SSHO? **No.**
45. Can the SSHO also serve as the superintendent? **No.**
46. Can the CQC system manager also serve as the superintendent? **No.**
47. Can the SSHO also serve as the CQC Manager? **No.**
48. Can the CQC manager also serve as the SSHO? **No.**
49. Specification section 01 45 00 section 3.4.B states that the CQC system manager be a graduate engineer, graduate architect, or a graduate of construction management with a minimum of 5 years construction experience. Can the CQC system manager qualifications for a college degree be substituted for work experience? **No, the specifications cannot be changed for this contract.**
50. Specification section 01 45 00 section 3.4.B states that the CQC system manager be a graduate engineer, graduate architect, or a graduate of construction management with a minimum of 5 years construction experience. If the college degree requirements for the CQC system manager qualifications for a college degree be substituted for work experience, what is acceptable work experience? **No, the specifications cannot be changed for this contract.**
51. Section 01 35 26 1.9 D - Can the Site Safety Officer (SSHO) also perform the superintendent and quality control functions i.e. Triple hat Functions? **No, the SSHO cannot perform any other duties.**
52. Section 01 57 19 Temporary Environmental Controls – 1.5 F Reduction of noise – is there other after work hours we can perform high noise work in lieu of 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Some high noise work may be able done at other times but will have to evaluated on an individual basis.**
53. Section 01 58 16 3.2 Temporary Signage – Can you provide a temporary signage schedule to identify the correct signage language and rooms? **Provided temporary signage at all construction zones and entrances to construction zones. Individual room signage not required.**
54. Section 01 91 00 Commissioning. Is the VA engaging the Commissioning Agent under a separate contract? **No.**
55. Section 01 91 00 Commissioning. Is the contractor required to provide the Commissioning agent? **Yes, third party.**
56. Detail D9/SE-513. What wood species is required for the 3-PLY BRG PAD? **Per the detail, they are to be treated 2x6's. Per notes on SE-001, the material is to be:**

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3. STRUCTURAL 2x WOOD COMPONENTS NOT LABELED AS EITHER DF OR DF-SS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AS SPRUCE-PINE-FIR (SPF) OR HEM-FIR (HF) NO. 2 OR BETTER AND SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM ALLOWABLE FIBER STRESSES AND PROPERTIES:

MODULUS OF ELASTICITY (E)	1,300,000 PSI
BENDING (Fb)	850 PSI
SHEAR (Fv)	135 PSI

57. Detail D9/SE-513. What wood treating is required for the 3-PLY BRG PAD? **See the answer to 56 above.**
58. Section 07 84 00 Firestopping Section 1.5.B. Is the firestopping installer required to be FM Global 4991 approved? **Yes**
59. Section 07 84 00 Firestopping Section 1.5.C. Is the inspector to be contracted by the prime contractor? **Yes**
60. Will the VA consider extending the performance time to 546 days? Lead times for mechanical equipment and elevators are running 26 weeks. **Period of Performance now 600 calendar days. See revised SOW and Amendment.**
61. Does the VA have any information or record drawings on existing wood windows? The lead paint abatement is abrasive, and the contractor may need to repair or reglaze the window lites. **No we do not have any records**
62. Would the VA consider replacing the existing wood windows with new ones instead of abating the lead paint as a cost-saving option? **No that is not an option**
63. The general notes on the structural demolition sheets (SD) instruct the contractor to submit a delegated design for temporary shoring. Can the engineer of record provide a shoring plan for bidding purposes? Ref sheet SD01 **No as the GC's can work with their teams (contractors and designers) to develop temporary shoring systems that best fit within their capabilities and required work sequences.**
64. Sheet SE-001, Structural Steel, note 7 asks the contractor to furnish and install 500 lbs of additional steel at the structural engineer's discretion. Can the engineer elaborate on the purpose of this note? **The purpose is for the 500 lbs to simply be an allowance when and if additional steel is needed as part of this project.**
65. Will building 8 be occupied during construction? **No.**
66. Who is responsible for moving the existing furniture? **The VA.**
67. Can the CQC manager and Project Superintendent be the same person? **No.**



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68. Spec Section 054000, part 1.4E references the requirements for blast design calculations. Is this necessary, as I do not see any load-bearing metal studs in the contract drawings? If the requirement remains, would any additional costs, such as additional anchors, reinforcement, etc., determined by the study and not shown in the contract drawings, be addressed with a change order? **No blast design in the project.**
69. Spec Section 078400, part 1. B. Installers' qualifications state that the contractor must have a FM4991 certification. There is no contractor in the state of South Dakota with this certification, or within a 400-mile radius. Can this requirement be omitted if the local contractors can prove they have experience in firestopping? **No, this cannot be omitted.**
70. Spec Section 089000, part 1.3, requires Blast design calculations for the louvers. The plans don't show any special anchor requirements. If an additional wall reinforcement or anchorage is determined after the study, will the additional costs associated with the study be addressed with a change order? **Since blast calculations do not apply to the remainder of the building under this project, blast design calculations will not be necessary for new louvers installed under this project.**
71. On drawing number FX-101, the hatch indicates the removal and replacement of the existing fire protection piping. However, in Fire Sprinkler Plan note B it states to modify the existing fire sprinkler system. Can you confirm that the intent is to remove and replace the fire sprinkler system in its entirety? **On sheet FX-101, the hatching represents the light hazard and ordinary hazard occupancy / commodity classification areas, and the scope of work boundary identifies where the fire sprinkler piping is to be removed and replaced. Fire Sprinkler Plan Note B will be revised noting that fire sprinkler piping within the scope of work boundary shall be removed and replaced to provide coverage for new rooms and spaces, utilizing the existing fire service entrance as shown. Fire sprinkler piping crossing this boundary shall be modified accordingly to maintain existing fire protection coverage.**
72. Regarding the Dry Barrell sprinkler heads covering the exterior of the building, are these to remain in place as currently installed, or are they to be replaced as part of this scope? **Dry Barrell sprinkler heads within the scope of work boundary shall be removed and replaced with the piping, and dry barrel sprinkler heads beyond the scope of work boundary shall remain to maintain existing fire protection coverage.**
73. Drawing SE111 and several others call for various dimensions of (n) RS 10x12, 8x8 and others. Are these nominal dimensions or actual dimensions required? **The RS designation is for "Rough Sawn" which means the dimensions listed are full size dimensions. Example: RS 10x12 is a timber beam with full dimensions of 10" by 12".**



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74. Drawing SE111 and several others call for various dimensions of (n) RS 10x12, 8x8 and others. If these are nominal dimensions, can you please provide actual dimensions for the various RS materials? **See the answer to 73 above.**
75. Is it anticipated by the VA that the superintendent, quality control manager, and SSHO all be separate people on site at all times for a total of three people dedicated exclusively to the project by the general contractor? **Yes, that is correct.**
76. Division 27 telecommunications cable is shown as part of the scope of this project in the drawings but no specifications are included for division 27. Please provide Division 27 specifications correlated with work required. **Specifications for Division 27 and 28 are specification on plans on sheets EJ-405 and EJ-406.**
77. Is it a requirement that the fire alarm system updates are to be completed by Johnson Controls? If so, please provide a point of contact at JCI. **Specification SECTION 283100 FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEM on plan sheet EJ-405 under System Description states: All work to be performed by Johnson Controls out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota is the servicing vendor that shall be hired for modifications and integration of this system. POC Jason Klocker at (605)362-5325.**
78. Is there a proprietary contractor at the facility responsible for the PACS and / or video surveillance security upgrades? If so, please provide a point of contact. **Specification SECTION 281300 ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM on plan sheets EJ-405 and EJ-406 under System Description states: Johnson Controls out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota is the servicing vendor that shall be hired for modifications and integration of this system. POC Jason Klocker at (605)362-5325. Specification SECTION 28200 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM on plan sheet EJ-406 under System Description states: Johnson Controls out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota is the servicing vendor that shall be hired for modifications and integration of this system. POC Jason Klocker at (605)362-5325.**
79. Is there a proprietary contractor at the facility responsible for controls and integration work? If so, please provide a point of contact. **No.**
80. Is the contractor responsible for hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> party certified industrial hygienist to monitor abatement work? **Yes, per specification section 02 82 11**
81. Is the contractor to assume all painted surfaces within the work area contain lead-based paint? Is the contractor responsible abatement of all lead-based paint to be demolished as part of this project? **Please refer to specification section 02 83 33.13**
82. Please provide a geotechnical report if available. **No geotechnical report.**

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83. Please provide a specification section for earthwork / excavation if available. **SGA will provide further details for this.**
84. Please confirm if BABA Act is required. **See FAR 52.225-12 Notice of Buy American Requirement – Construction Materials under Trade Agreements (MAY 2014) the solicitation.**
85. Regarding the elevator, please confirm if hole-less hydraulic is acceptable. **Hole-less hydraulic is the basis of design due to constraints of the facility. Elevator shaft must stay sized as shown.**
86. Please confirm 4,500# capacity is acceptable. **Acceptable.**
87. Please confirm whether 4'-0" or 4'-6" wide 2-speed side slide doors are required (center open is not available). **Doors must be 4'6" side slide preferred.**
88. Please confirm 80 fpm up speed and 105 fpm down speed is acceptable. **Acceptable.**
89. Please confirm a pre-engineered Endura 45 A elevator package is acceptable. **No, this is a custom application.**
90. Is this project sales tax exempt? **See section 11 TAXES, under Contracting Officer's Special Information and Instructions.**
91. Is new cat6a cable to be routed using conduit, cable tray, or J-hooks? **Specification SECTION 271500 COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURED CABLING on plan sheet EJ-405 under system description calls out for cabling to be installed in conduit from device to closet. The ceilings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors are hard ceilings making use of cable tray and j-hooks non-viable.**
92. Would the VA consider extending the deadline for RFIs due to the logistical complexity of the project, to allow time for consideration of potential arising questions or concerns as subcontractors are further coordinated? **No.**
93. Is existing grass disturbed by construction to be restored using seed or sod? **Sod is acceptable.**
94. Is the contractor responsible for watering and maintenance of restored grass for an extended duration after approval? If so, what is this duration? **No**
95. Is there a existing roof warranty on the building? If so, please provide the point of contact and company name for the holder of this warranty. **No.**
96. The specifications state the SSHO must be a separate individual from the Superintendent and/or QCM? Does this mean that the Superintendent and QCM can be the same individual, or must these positions be held by separate individuals as well, for a total of 3

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individuals making up the on-site supervisory personnel team? **These positions must be held by three separate individuals.**

97. Is the contractor responsible for hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> party SIOR? If so, please provide a schedule of special inspections. **SIOR hired by general contractor per contract. SGA will provide schedule with structural coordination.**
98. Spec Section 09 06 00 Schedule of Finishes is referenced but not included in the solicitation documents. Please provide this spec section if applicable to this project. **See sheet AI103.**
99. Is the contractor to provide maxcell innerduct in the OSP fiber duct bank pathways? **OSP pathways are existing as shown on sheet ES-001 and as noted on each ES plan sheets for getting fiber to each closet. Also noted in Specification SECTION 271500 COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURED CABLING on plan sheet EJ-405. No new innerduct will need to be provided within these existing conduits.**
100. No specification section is provided for landscape restoration. Please provide if applicable to this project. **SGA to provide further details.**
101. Please provide applicable all applicable specification sections for Div 27 – Telecommunications. **Specifications for Division 27 and 28 are specification on plans on sheets EJ-405 and EJ-406.**
102. Please provide applicable specification sections for Div 28 associated with fire alarm work **Specifications for Division 27 and 28 are specification on plans on sheets EJ-405 and EJ-406.**
103. Please provide all applicable specification sections for Div 28 associated with Physical Access Control Systems **Specifications for Division 27 and 28 are specification on plans on sheets EJ-405 and EJ-406.**
104. Please provide all applicable specification sections for Div 28 associated with Video Surveillance / security cameras. **Specifications for Division 27 and 28 are specification on plans on sheets EJ-405 and EJ-406.**
105. Is all work on this project to be done during normal working hours? Is there any work required to be performed during nights and/or weekends? **Some work may be able to be performed during nights or weekends.**
106. Is this building to be at all occupied during construction? **No.**
107. Please confirm all existing partition walls to be demolished are assumed to be steel stud and gypsum assemblies unless noted otherwise? **This has not been verified.**

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108. General— due to some of the long material lead times, will the VA consider extending this project to 600-700 days? **Period of Performance now 600 calendar days. See revised SOW and Amendment.**
109. Div 7—Please confirm the scope of work for the roof. Spec 07 01 50.19 – 1 – Is Bldg 8 getting a complete reroof? Specs and drawings differ. **The roof work will be limited to patching as required for this renovation. New plumbing vents will require roof patching where shown on Attic Waste & Vent Plan on sheet PP-103 and in accordance with the Plumbing Vent Detail on sheet PJ-101.**
110. Drawing SE 203 – Shoring Requirements—does the VA have a preference between options 1& 2. Is the historical society in approval of both? **The VA does not have a preference; thus, the contractor is to choose which option best fits within their capabilities and schedule. The historical society does not have any say on this as the shoring is temporary during the duration of the project.**
111. Spec 01 45 00 – 5 --- Can the VA confirm this standard must be met? **I do not know which standard they are referring to.**
112. Div 2 - The mastic under the floor tile is negative for asbestos, does the mastic need to be completely removed or is scraped smooth ok? If it needs removed, what means of removal is required? **Floor needs to be prepped to meet manufacturers' recommendations of the new flooring. Means of removal is responsibility of the contractor while meeting all pertinent specifications. Contractor responsible for verifying locations of mastic that may contain asbestos.**
113. Div 2 - Will all of the equipment and debris be cleaned out of the main level for floor tile abatement? **Yes.**
114. Div 2 - Are the eaves around the building included in the scope of work for lead abatement? **No.**
115. Can the Contractor QC manager serve as the photographer if they meet the requirement of having experience photographing construction projects? **Professional photographer required.**
116. Please confirm if the QCM can have any shared duties as the SSHO or Superintendent. **No.**
117. Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of SSHO? **No.**
118. Please confirm if the current prevailing wages will be consistent for the life of the project with no escalation? See FAR 52.222-5, 52.222-6, 52.222-13, & 52.222-55.

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119. Will payment applications be accepted for materials stored on-site or in a bonded off-site warehouse? **Yes, in accordance with the contract documents.**
120. Will the Government provide detailed written requirements for contractor badging? Please clarify the process for obtaining PIV badges, including required documentation, background checks, and estimated processing timeframes. **Yes, at time of award, all information regarding obtaining a PIV will be passed to the General Contractor.**
121. How soon after contract award does the Government anticipate issuing the official Notice to Proceed (NTP)? **Within 14-30 calendar days after award.**
122. Is the VA open to the utilization of the project management software Procore for the documentation, meeting minutes and approval processes on this project? **Yes.**
123. Can the Site Supervisor be dual/triple hatted as QC and SSHO? **No.**
124. Will the VA accept fire retardant plastic for ICRA containment walls and doors given the highly transitive nature of the work on this project? **No.**
125. Are the existing doors that connect Bldg 8 to the arcade, at each floor approved/pass the fire rating needed to stay during construction? **Existing doors need to remain in current locations until time of replacement.**
126. SE Drawings— Does the VA/AE team have the MicroPile design covered, or is this to be covered by the GC? **The mircopile pile design is a delegated design item to be addressed by a specialty contractor.**
127. Please confirm that the fabricated shoring posts are to be turned over to the VA? Is VA responsible for take down and storage? **Once the project is over, the contractor is to take down all temporary shoring posts and turn over to the VA.**
128. Is there a detail for bases that the heat exchangers will be set on in the attic? How are they to be set? **The heat exchanger components shown within the attic are fairly small and should be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation and maintenance manual, which shows these items suspended from the structure above.**
129. Can the piping detail for suction and discharge of pumps in the mechanical room be provided? **The Converter Detail, Chilled Water Piping Schematic and Typical Pump Schematic have been provided and updated on sheet MJ-101. Enlarged Basement Piping Plan - Heating Water and Enlarged Basement Piping Plan - Chilled Water have also been provided on sheet MP-103.**
130. Are the refrigerant lines staying in service or do they need to be vacuumed and recovered? **The existing refrigerant piping and associated cooling unit and condensing**

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unit shall be vacuumed, removed in its entirety and turned over to the owner as noted on sheet MD-103.

131. Will there be any service for existing HX and pumps? **The existing steam heat exchanger and associated duplex condensate return pumps are to remain. The power connection associated with the duplex condensate return pumps is to be reconnected.**
132. Are AWS welding certifications or UA welding certifications which one will prevail and what particular certifications are required? **AWS current certifications will be required for the different necessary welding positions required to achieve the field welds shown in the construction documents.**
133. Door pairs X1B and X2B are 4'-0" openings calling for auto operators however I do not believe we can get a 4' dual leaf auto to work with these pairs of doors. Is it possible to change these two openings to single leaf 4'-0" doors? **Per the discussion in the meeting on 8/22/25 the operation of these doors will be held open with magnetic hold opens and close in case of fire. The doors will not have any form of automatic openers or card readers.**