SFVAHCS Project No. 438-22-600-SFVAHCS Solicitation Questions		
Plans & Specs Location	**Solicitation Questions**	**Response**
General	Is the project tax-exempt? If so, will a certificate be provided?	Offerors are hereby notified that all state and local sales or use taxes for construction materials must be included in their bid or proposal price. It is solely the responsibility of the offeror to include all other applicable taxes in their bid or proposal price as well. The Government has determined that for this acquisition it cannot take advantage of any sales or use tax exemptions that may be available to it under applicable state law. Under no circumstances will any Contractor be designated as an agent of the Government for purposes of any tax exemption, nor will the Government authorize any Contractor's use of any tax exemption directly applicable to the Government under this procurement.
01 35 26	Can the Superintendent also serve in a dual role as either the Quality Control Manager or SSHO? If so, which role is permissible?	013526-1.7.C states that the SSHO is to be separate individual from superintendent and/or QCM with duties only as the SSHO.
01 35 26	Is it acceptable for the Superintendent to serve in a triple-hat capacity as Superintendent, Quality Control Manager, and SSHO?	013526-1.7.C states that the SSHO is to be separate individual from superintendent and/or QCM with duties only as the SSHO.
General	What are the anticipated working hours?	Working outside of the specified 8am - 4:30pm timeframe may be allowed by permission of the COR.
General	Are PIV badges required? If so, could you please outline the requirements?	Yes, all workers will have to obtain a badge. It is recommended that badge requirements be submitted as part of the project submittals. Anyone not having a badge upon arrival to the campus will need to be escorted.
Existing Conditions	Is there a basis of design or can the product info be provided for the existing limestone and precast parapet caps that are to be replaced?	The exisitng limestone caps are original to the existing 75+ year old building. The Owner does not have any additional existing product data / information on these original cap stones. New precast caps are to match existing finish/color after existing precast units are cleaned.
05 12 00	Structural Steel, Quality Assurance: Please confirm that an AISC certified fabricator and installer is required for this contract. Or can the install and/or fabrication be performed by non-AISC certified fabricators and/or installers?	Non-AISC certified fabricator and installer are acceptable.
Existing Conditions	Roof Insulation Depths: Can roof core samples be provided to give a full understanding of the extent/magnitude of removal? Also, to confirm Insulation thickness going back in.	No, roof cores cannot be taken prior to award. Contractors should bid as shown and after award core samples can be taken to address any discrepancies.
Sheet G001	Roof Types: Is a vapor barrier going to be required where it is not indicated on the roof types? (L1 & L6)	No. Roof type L1 is located above belltower and has an unheated exterior space below - a vapor barrier is not requried for this condition as temperature/humidity conditions are the same on both sides of the roof system. Roof type L6 is installed over an existing insulated wood truss cavity. Vapor bariers should NOT be installed on the exterior side of insulated assemblies.
Sheet 05.AE129	Roof 5R: Please confirm if the fall protection cable system on roof 5R will need to be raised due to the increased elevation from the nailbase insulation?	The existing fall protection system brackets are high enough to accommodate the new nailbase insulation. New pipe boot flashing will requried at the +/- 7 bracket locations

Sheet 05.AE129	Roof 5R: Will the existing drain lines be extended to account for the new gutter elevation?	Contractor is to provide 4" dia piping connections/elbows/fittings as required to connect the new +/- 7" elevated gutters to the existing 4" dia internal downspouts.
Sheet 52.AE121	The roof manufacturer is going to require a coverboard for Building 52 to achieve a warranty. Please specify the desired type of cover board for this roof area.	Roof type L6 on building 52 has the roofing membrane installed directly to existing 7/16" OSB sheathing. 7/16" OSB is an acceptable substrate for several TPO manufacurers while other manufacturers require additional cover board. Glass mat faced gypsum cover board is to be provided as requried by individual manufacturer to comply with uplift and warranty requirments. This requirment applies to the inside face of parapet walls as well.
sheet 52.AE121	At Building 52, will crickets be required at the high side of the roof curbs?	Existing crickets and scuppers to reamin in place. Crickets are not requried at incidental interior curbs.
SOW	The hours of work are stated to be from 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Can these times be extended?	Working outside of the specified 8am - 4:30pm timeframe may be allowed by permission of the COR.
General	Will access to roof areas be allowed through the building or should all roof access be assumed to be accessible from the exterior during construction?	Access to the roofs will be permitted for pedestrian traffic only. Any hauling of materials or debrib will not be permited through the hospital.
Sheet 09.AE501	At Building 9, the detail at the parapet cap shows a sawcut reglet in the back of the Limestone Cap. Could we install the two-piece counter flashing below the cap like Building 7 in lieu of installing a reglet?	Per details F1 and F5, the saw cut reglet is existing. It is unkown what the existing condition of the inside face of the parapet cap is below the existing reglet. Therefore, the new two-piece counterflashing shall be installed in the existing reglet location as indicated in Details F3 and F7.
General	We are requesting to be able to schedule a time where we can perform core samples on the roof areas. Core samples are required so that we can provide an accurate estimate. We need to know what we are tearing off, verify existing insulation depths, confirm deck types, etc. The items that we need to verify can impact the roof assemblies, amount of elevation changes required for HVAC curbs, and overall costs for the project. This would be at no cost to the VA.	No, roof cores cannot be taken prior to award. Contractors should bid as shown and after award core samples can be taken to address any discrepancies.
Existing Conditions	Please confirm that we are to use the insulation depths indicated on the roof drawings and roof types page.	The question regarding insulation depths references "existing conditions" but also referes to "roof types page" which is new conditons. New roof insulation thicknesses and slopes shall comply with Roof Types on Sheet G-001 as well as individual Roof Plan drawings.
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SOW	The hours of work are stated to be from 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Can these times be extended?	Working outside of the specified 8am - 4:30pm timeframe may be allowed by permission of the COR.
General	Some of the roof areas are going to require interior access. What is the process for gaining access to these areas?	Access to the roofs will be permitted for pedestrian traffic only. Any hauling of materials or debrib will not be permited through the hospital.
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General	Is construction generated noise going to be an issue, will we need to be concerned about being shutdown due to construction generated noise?	Shut downs may be necessary depending on the level and duration of the work being done. Shut downs will be determined on a case by case basis. Work will then have to be scheduled after normal business hours of the hospital's operations.
General	Has the VA performed core samples on the roof areas? Core samples are required so that we can provide an accurate estimate. We need to know what we are tearing off, verify existing insulation depths, confirm deck types, etc. The items that we need to verify can impact the roof assemblies, amount of elevation changes required for HVAC curbs, and overall costs for the project.	No, roof cores cannot be taken prior to award. Contractors should bid as shown and after award core samples can be taken to address any discrepancies.
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General	Scaffolding will be required at Building 5R and will need to be provided for the roofing duration, does the VA require testing of scaffolding system?	Contractor is responsible for following all OSHA required inspections per 1926.451 and all other applicable standards. When scaffolds are not in use, they must prominently display a red tag. When scaffolds are in use, a green tag showing daily inspection by a competent person is required.
General	Is construction generated noise going to be limited to certain hours?	Shut downs may be necessary depending on the level and duration of the work being done. Shut downs will be determined on a case by case basis. Work will then have to be scheduled after normal business hours of the hospital's operations.
General	Is interior protection going to be required? Will locations below be vacated?	The facility will be occupied during construction.
01 35 26	Can Site Supervisor be dual hatted?	013526-1.7.C states that the SSHO is to be separate individual from superintendent and/or QCM with duties only as the SSHO.
Sheet 05.CS01	Section 15: Is this requirement for the duration of the project?	This applies only when applicable.
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General	Will the sign-in sheet from site visit be available in addendum?	The pre-bid sign-in sheet was issued with Amendment 001.
01 35 26	Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of SSHO?	013526-1.7.C states that the SSHO is to be separate individual from superintendent and/or QCM with duties only as the SSHO.
01 35 26	If no to the question above, will the SSHO need to be full-time for this project?	Per 013526-1.9.A, the SSHO shall conduct frequent and regular safety inspections (daily) of the site.
01 35 26	Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of QA/QC?	013526-1.7.C states that the SSHO is to be separate individual from superintendent and/or QCM with duties only as the SSHO.
01 35 26	If no to the question above, will the QA/QC need to be full time for this project?	Per 013526-1.9.A, the SSHO shall conduct frequent and regular safety inspections (daily) of the site.
01 35 26	Can a superintendent be a triple hat to cover the requirements of SSHO and QA/QC?	013526-1.7.C states that the SSHO is to be separate individual from superintendent and/or QCM with duties only as the SSHO.
General	Please confirm if tax should be included in our proposal?	Offerors are hereby notified that all state and local sales or use taxes for construction materials must be included in their bid or proposal price. It is solely the responsibility of the offeror to include all other applicable taxes in their bid or proposal price as well. The Government has determined that for this acquisition it cannot take advantage of any sales or use tax exemptions that may be available to it under applicable state law. Under no circumstances will any Contractor be designated as an agent of the Government for purposes of any tax exemption, nor will the Government authorize any Contractor's use of any tax exemption directly applicable to the Government under this procurement.
General	Please provide the latest wage determination for this project's county.	The latest wage determination was issued with the solicitation as an attachment (PN 438-22-600 Wage Determination - 6 pages).
General	Please confirm if the current prevailing wages will be consistent for the life of the project with no escalation?	In accordance with FAR 22.404-1(a), once a wage determination is incorporated in a contract, the wage determination remains effective for the life of the contract.

General	4.14 Please clarify which box should be checked for VAAR 852.217-75.	Assuming this is for 852.219-75, Block (ii) is selected. See attachement VAAR 852.219-75 VA Notice of Limitations on Subcontracting - 2 pages.
SOW	The drawings appear to have removed a lot of work, please clarify are there still “20” roofs in this scope of work as indicated in i).	Roof areas 5A, 5C, 5E, 5F, 5G, 5H, 5J, 5K, 5L, 5M, 5N, 5O South, 5P Upper, 5P Lower, 5R, 5S, 5T, 7, 9, and 52 are included.
General	Is the work that is crossed out on the drawings completed or could this work be added to this project later?	The project will likely have a Phase II which will go out for bid at a later date.
General	Do construction staff have access to elevators or other interior access for removal of demo’d materials?	Access to the elevators will be permitted for pedestrian traffic only. Any hauling of materials or debrib will not be permited through the hospital.
General	In regard to the lightning protection system demolition and reinstallation, will the electrical contractor be able to re-install the system or will the VA require a certified lighting protection provider to do the re-install? As there are no lightning protection drawings available and the scope and amounts of items related to the system are not quantifiable from the drawings themselves we would likely need to self-perform the re-installation scope of work for bid pricing purposes as there is limited info for our certified vendors to price out.	At completion of project a UL master labeled lightning protection system is required.
General	In regard to the lightning protection system, please confirm if the VA will require re-certification of the existing system once re-installed.	Certification that lightning protection has been inspected by a UL representative and has been approved by UL required.