

Project # 556-24-106 Replace Chiller No. 2

Solicitation # 36C252-25-B-0020

Pre-Bid RFIs

RFI #	Question/Comment	Response (VA - COR)
1	The specifications call for a coordination study to be done on the new distribution components. Could we get a copy of the existing coordination study and what software was it done in, in order to put a value to that. Per general note B, drawing E500. Contractor shall request current power study to obtain the current most recent AIC ratings.	
2	Drawings outline the connection of the new chiller to the existing BMS. Please provide the current BMS vendor/system for the building.	Automated Logic
3	Is this a brand name or equal for the chiller product, or is a York brand Chiller mandatory to match other other 5 chillers?	York was basis of design. Whatever system is installed must be fully integrated and functional with all other existing VA systems, footprints, etc. Refer to drawings and specs.
4	Will the VA accept chiller manufacturers other than York if they meet all performance and warranty criteria?	See RFI 3 above
5	What criteria will the VA being using to asses if the chiller meets required performance and warranty requirements?	Refer to drawing and specs.
6	Is there a specific criteria that is inherent to the York Chiller that is being specified to differentiate that product from other brands?	Refer to drawing and specs.
7	EOS Mechanical Inc who is bidding this as a prime would like to know if there will be a line item included on updated bid form for First Right of Salvage (Note F under Mechanical General Notes on M000).	
8	What items does the VA Plans Salvage from this project? This can increase the cost of demolition to dismantle items on site.	
9	Is this a tax-exempt project?	Yes Tax Exempt information will be given to the GC.
10	Does the VA anticipate this project will require off hours work?	Off hours are not anticipated.
11	Will the VA accept an or equal to the YORK BOD or is this a sole source chiller procurement? Also, from our previous experience of completing the previous chiller replacements we would suggest keeping this sole source to York BOD for a even bidding process.	York was the BOD. Please See RFI 3 above
12	Please confirm that ALC controls are the only approved controls systems for this project.	Confirmed
13	Will the VA consider Victaulic Fitting for this project?	See Specs and drawings
14	SOW calls out uniform heat detection connecting to existing building master fire alarm system please advise who the existing master fire alarm system contractor is?	Automated Logic

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15	Note K on ED400 calls to demo concrete housekeeping pads, and floor/grade shall be finished to match adjacent surface. Please confirm concrete demo does not apply to any Mechanical related demo Scope.	
16	Are there any existing Valves that can be used to Isolate the Chilled Water and Condenser Water?	Yes .
17	Does Lock Out Tag Out apply to this project?	<p>LOCK OUT is the only acceptable form of isolation per SOW and specs. Contractor is responsible to Lock Out for their work. VA personnel may only be consulted for FHCC specific questions or to help facilitate but will not be doing the work. VA can advise on what might be affected in case of shutdowns.</p> <p>In short, the contractor must provide their own personnel that will do the work as specified in the contract.</p>
18	Should the freestanding 4160>460V transformers be provided with the chiller to avoid compatibility issues with a generic transformer? The chiller manufacturer states they have a transformer designed specifically for their magnetic bearing chillers and associated harmonics of the mag bearing compressors and VSD. Please confirm if the transformer should be provided by the chiller manufacturer.	
19	Are the VFD for CWP and CP pumps provided by the Owner? If not, can we please get more information if new VFD are to be installed.	Not provided by owner. See Specs and drawings.
20	Would it be possible to set up another Site Visit? Also, will a sign-in sheet be provided?	<p>At this time an additional site visit would need extenuating circumstances.</p> <p>Sign-in sheet will be an attachment to A0001</p>
21	Can the Superintendent fulfill the Quality Control Manager (QCM) role?	Superintendent may act as SSHO if qualified (see RFI 22) QA/QC can not be superintendent or SSHO.
22	Can the Superintendent fulfill the Site Safety & Health (SSHO) role?	<p>This is clarified in the specifications. See: 01 35 26 - 14. 1.7 "Site Safety and Health Officer" (SSHO) and "Competent Person"</p> <p>The superintendent can act as the SSHO if VA determines them to have the proper qualifications and competency. The SSHO must remain on-site at all times during construction. There is no case in which the SSHO can attend multiple projects at the same time.</p>
23	Will the VA provide laydown/storage areas? If so, where will they be located?	If necessary. Coordinate with COR.

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24	Will the VA provide an area for a dumpster? If so, where will that be located?	If necessary. Coordinate with COR.
25	Are CAD files available for all of the issued drawings? Or will they be available after award is made?	CAD files are available after award.
26	Will the VA be providing an electronic submittal program, or is it expected that the general contractor provides this? Are there programs or software that are acceptable?	VA will provide Submittal Exchange.
27	Are there any requirements regarding photographic documentation? Please confirm if this will be required as part of this project? If required, must this be a 3rd party service? Or can it be performed inhouse by general contractor?	See specs.
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