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Question: 1 - Drawings

There appears to be two separate "zip" files containing drawings uploaded, however, they appear to be identical. Please confirm if there is only one zip file containing drawings titled "part 1" to "part 6".

Answered On: 1/10/2017 2:01:32 PM

Answer: Yes two zip files are identical and part 1 to 6 is everything

Submitted On: 1/13/2017 10:23:38 AM

Question: 2 - Scheduling

Will the contractor be able to perform work on multiple bathrooms simultaneously if they aren't mutually exclusive? Mutually exclusive meaning if a bathroom would need to remain open because it would be used while one is being renovated because there are no others in the immediate area.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/13/2017 10:45:12 AM

Question: 3 - OSHA Training

The specifications indicate all employees or workers on the jobsite are to have 30 Hr OSHA training. In the past on other projects, we were allowed one 30 Hr OSHA designated "Competent Person" and 10 Hr OSHA for everyone else. Please confirm if everyone is to have 30 HR osha, or if one 30 HR competant person and 10 Hr for everyone else would be allowed.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/13/2017 11:06:19 AM

Question: 4 - Specification File- Security Permission

The current security settings on the PDF file containing the specifications doesn't allow for the "Page Extraction" of pages. The file is almost 900 continuous pages, and contains the specifications for each division, electrical, plumbing, door hardware, etc.. In order to effectively organize the project, it is essential for us to break the PDF file apart by division, by "extracting" each division's pages into separate files. Could the VA please edit the security settings on the file and re-post to allow for users to perform "page extraction", or provide us with the documents security password so we could change the permission.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/18/2017 2:38:34 PM

Question: 5 - Dumpster Location

Will the contractor be afforded a location adjacent to each building during the course of work for rubbish removal? If so, will 8' temporary fencing be required to surround the dumpster? If a fully enclosed, lockable dumpster is utilized will a temporary fence inclosure still be required?

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/18/2017 3:03:46 PM

Question: 6 - Wall construction

The plans indicate for each individual bathroom a note stating "Existing wall tile, plaster, gypsum board shall be removed down to block wall or metal studs". Additionally, drawing D-A1 has a detail "D1" titled "Proposed wall furring detail". Indicating 1-5/8" metal stud furring directly on existing walls. There is no indication on any of the drawings where this furring detail is to be used. Further, during the walkthrough, we found that many of the existing wall surfaces were solid block walls in very good shape, and some appeared to be sheetrock on metal stud which were also in very good shape. If a block

wall is deemed to be in good shape, and or only has a tile wainscot, can the contractor remove the existing tile, install new tile, and patch or skim coat where needed? If a block wall has floor to ceiling tile, can the contractor laminate directly to the block wall (or use hat channel) with either type x, moisture resistant sheetrock, or cement board (based on what is called for in the drawings). If portions of block wall need to be opened for plumbing access, or other reasons, can the contractor utilize the referenced D1 "Proposed Wall Furring Detail", or utilize 3-5/8" studs or wider (depending on plumbing, and carrier required depths). Can the contractor re-use all or part of existing sheet rock walls if they are deemed to be in good shape, and approved by the VA? For example, if the lower half of a sheetrock wall currently has tile or needs to be opened for plumbing access, can the upper half remain and remove and replace only the lower half or sections as needed and patch where necessary?

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/18/2017 4:36:29 PM

Question: 7 - Subsurface Prep for Floor Finishes

The project drawings indicate for each individual bathroom the following; "EXISTING TILE FLOORING SHALL BE REMOVED IN ITS ENTIRETY DOWN TO STRUCTURAL SLAB. PREPARE FLOOR TO RECEIVE NEW TILE FLOOR AS SCHEDULED", "PREPARE FLOOR TO RECEIVE NEW TILE FLOOR AS SCHEDULED. FLOORS WITHOUT FLOOR DRAINS SHALL RECEIVED CEMENTITIOUS SELF LEVELING COMPOUND. TOP OF NEW FLOOR SHALL ALIGN WITH TOP OF FLOOR OUT SIDE ROOM. IF ROOM CONTAINS FLOOR DRAIN, FLOORS SHALL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE DRAINAGE TO DRAIN(S)". The specification section 090516 "Subsurface preparation for floor finishes"- is specifically tailored for "areas to receive the installation of applied and resinous flooring", and includes the requirement for PH and moisture testing of all the the existing concrete prior to floor leveling. This typically isn't warranted for areas that are to receive ceramic tile, such as this project. Can the VA either advise if PH and moisture testing isn't required prior to floor leveling, or provide a specification that pertains to subsurface prep of areas that receive ceramic tile. Additionally, some restrooms appeared to be either higher or lower than the hallway floor surface, and exact matching of hallway floor height may not be easily achievable will a slight difference be acceptable?

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/18/2017 4:53:59 PM

Question: 8 - Temporary Construction Walls

The project plans indicate for each bathroom "CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION WALLS, DOOR, NEGATIVE AIR MACHINES, ETC. AS REQUIRED TO PREVENT DUST , DEBRIS ETC FROM ENTERING ADJACENT SPACE OR AS DIRECTED BY VA". But doesn't indicate as to how or where the temporary construction walls and doors are to be installed. Can the existing walls serve as the construction barrier, if smoke dust or debris wouldn't penetrate through to other spaces? Or please advise where these temporary walls and doors are to be installed. A majority of the bathrooms are located in high traffic corridors where a construction barrier would cut down the width of the hallways and would potentially hinder handicap traffic.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/18/2017 4:58:08 PM

Question: 9 - Doors and frames

The plans indicate "ALL EXISTING DOOR FRAMES TO REMAIN SHALL BE PATCHED, SANDED AND PREPARED TO RECEIVE PAINTED FINISH. ALL EXISTING DOOR FRAMES SHALL BE PAINTED". Can the frames simply be repainted if they are in "good shape". Additionally, the plans do not call for new doors. Please advise if the contractor is to furnish and install new doors / hardware. If so, please provide a door and hardware schedule.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/19/2017 11:56:41 AM


Question: 10 - PreBid conference & Site visit roster

Would you please issue a copy of the site visit roster & pre-bid conference notes. Thank you

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[<<](#) Page: 2 of 4 [>>](#)**Submitted On:** 1/19/2017 1:48:02 PM**Question:** 11 - Electrical

The plans do not call for new electrical feeds each bathroom. Can we assume the current electrical feed to each bathroom is sufficient to service the new electrical devices we are installing? If not, please provide information on the electrical panels that would be used to supply new services to the bathrooms. Including location (in relation to the bathroom), type of panel, and if there is sufficient space in each panel.

*This question has not been answered yet***Submitted On:** 1/20/2017 4:12:52 PM**Question:** 12 - liquidated damages or betterments

There are approximately 46 bathrooms to be completed in 26 weeks including approval submittals. In order to average completing 2 bathrooms per week this will be a very challenging schedule to accomplish in 180 days. Will any liquidated damages or betterments be applied if contractor exceeds 180 days? If so, please advise of these damages.

*This question has not been answered yet***Submitted On:** 1/23/2017 11:06:58 AM**Question:** 13 - Plumbing Question

For bathrooms which call for the relocation of waste lines on ground floors, please advise which buildings are slab-on-grade, and which have crawl space or basements below the ground floor.

*This question has not been answered yet***Submitted On:** 1/25/2017 12:23:20 PM**Question:** 14 - Fire Sprinkler Question

The plans indicate locations for new sprinkler heads, but do not identify where the existing sprinkler heads are (which are to be removed and located to new locations). Can we please be provided drawings indicating existing sprinkler locations? If not, can we assume the existing feed to each bathroom is sufficiently sized to accommodate all the new sprinkler heads called for.

*This question has not been answered yet***Submitted On:** 1/25/2017 12:38:25 PM**Question:** 15 - Bathroom Exhaust Venting

The plans call for "CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COORDINATION OF PROPOSED EXHAUST DUCTWORK ROUTE FROM THE EXHAUST FAN TO THE PENETRATION THROUGH THE ROOF. CONTRACTOR SHALL FIELD VERIFY LOCATION OF EXISTING SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT, AND COORDINATE PATH FOR PROPOSED DUCTWORK ACCORDINGLY." If a bathroom is on an exterior wall, can it be vented directly outside of the space in lieu of installing a vertical riser up the building through the roof? Some of the restrooms being renovated do not have bathrooms directly above it that is being renovated, if this is the case, how are we to install vertical risers through the above occupied space? If a bathroom is located in the interior of a building, can the duct work be routed horizontally to through the closest exterior wall in lieu of vertical risers through the roof? Do any of the bathrooms currently have exhaust duct that can be tied into? If so, which bathrooms?

*This question has not been answered yet***Submitted On:** 1/25/2017 3:11:08 PM**Question:** 16 - Plumbing Question

1) The Plumbing Fixture Tags on architectural drawings do not correlate with fixture info on plumbing drawings and the schedule in the specifications use

different tag entirely. Please advise. 2) The specifications allow for the use of PVC piping unless in certain applications; "a. Waste collected from steam condensate drains. b. Spaces such as mechanical equipment rooms, kitchens, Sterile Processing Services, sterilizer areas, and areas designated for sleep. c. Vertical waste and soil stacks serving more than two floors. d. Exposed in mechanical equipment rooms. e. Exposed inside of ceiling return plenums.". Please advise if PVC or PEX would be acceptable for any water supplies, waste or vent lines, outside the above listed exceptions.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/25/2017 3:12:54 PM

Question: 17 - Plumbing Question 3

There doesnt appear to be any specified make or model on any of the toilet fixtures, please advise.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:27:54 AM

Question: 18 - Work Schedule

Please advise how many restrooms work can be done simultaneously? Can all the restrooms work performed simultaneously in one building?

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:29:18 AM

Question: 19 - Scheduling

Please advise how many restrooms work can be done simultaneously? Can all the restrooms work performed simultaneously in one building?

Answered On: 1/27/2017 6:33:32 AM

Answer: duplicate question

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:31:12 AM


Question: 20 - Existing Walls

Please advise which restroom walls are block wall and which are drywalls?

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Question: 21 - Subsurface Preparation for Floor Finishes

Work notes proposed floor plan states "Floors without floor drains shall receive cementitious self-leveling compound" Please advise the name of manufacturer and type for cementitious self-leveling compound.

This question has not been answered yet
Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:33:52 AM

Question: 22 - Multicolor Interior Finishing

Specs section 09 94 19 is Multicolor Interior Finishing, please identify the location of this work on drawings/where is this work applicable/which rest rooms? Also please specify the name of manufacturer.

This question has not been answered yet
Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:39:20 AM

Question: 23 - Counter tops and Wall Paneling

Spec section 06 20 00 finish carpentry indicates work of counter tops and wall paneling, please identify on drawings the location of the new counter tops and wall paneling. Also please advise what kind of material is used?

This question has not been answered yet
Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:40:25 AM

Question: 24 - Ceiling System

Does the new ceiling system require a black iron grid system?

This question has not been answered yet
Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:41:26 AM

Question: 25 - HVAC work

Please confirm that as per the notes to contractor for HVAC schedule/work all new installed exhaust fans will require new ductwork and roof penetration as shown on A8 of drawing D-A1.

This question has not been answered yet
Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:43:05 AM

Question: 26 - Toilet Partition Material

Please refer to drawing D-A1, fixture details A4 states that stainless steel floor mounted toilet partitions are required, whereas spec section 10 21 13 page 2, para 2.1 A states solid phenolic or solid polyethylene, please clarify which one is correct?

This question has not been answered yet
Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:44:09 AM

Question: 27 - Mounting Styles for Toilet Partitions

Spec section 10 21 13 page 2, para 2.1D.1 states two different mounting styles for toilet partitions ceiling hung and floor supported, please identify on drawings which restroom partitions will be ceiling hung and which one will be floor supported?

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:45:49 AM

Question: 28 - Mental Health and Behavioral Patient Toilet Partitions

Spec section 10 21 13 page 2, para 2.1D.2 states toilet partitions used in Mental Health and Behavioral Patient care units shall be free of anchor points. Please clarify which restrooms are for the mental health and behavioral patients and what material is used for the toilet partitions?

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 11:47:54 AM

Question: 29 - Wall Plaster Details

13) Refer to drawing 1-A1, Work notes existing floor plan, note no. 4, it states all existing wall tile, plaster, gypsum board shall be removed down to block wall or metal studs. Please clarify foll: ? If there is existing block wall, then after removal of plaster what type of new plaster coat is required before installation of ceramic tiles on wall. ? After removal of plaster from existing block wall, is it required to fur the existing block wall with new sheet rock? ? Where it indicates for new painted finish on existing block wall, is it required to remove the existing plaster and install new coat of plaster before the painted finish? If yes then please provide details of this plaster coat?

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 12:00:57 PM

Question: 30 - Unavailability of Dal Tile Sizes

Please refer to drawing D-A1, Finish Schedule, some of the specified Dal tiles material is not available. CT-2 cove base is available in 3" x 12" and not in 6" x 12", CT-AB-1 wall border tile is available in 2" x 12" and not in 2" x 24", CT-BN-1 bull nose trim is available in 3" x 12" and not in 2" x 6". Please advise.

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Question: 31 - Signage

Spec section 10 14 00 is for signage, please provide a detailed sign schedule and drawing indicating the size of signs for restrooms.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 1:34:21 PM

Question: 32 - Exhaust Venting

Per earlier question, if horizontal runs to the exterior of the building for the discharge of the exhaust fans is NOT acceptable, and the contractor is to run vertical risers through the roof. Please provide details on duct sizing for the vertical risers, and how the bathrooms ducts are to tie into the risers. Additionally, there is no building elevations indicating overall building ground to roof measurements, making it impossible to determine the lengths of the vertical runs. Or please provide a set LF the contractor is to assume the vertical run will be.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 1:35:08 PM

Question: 33 - Symbol Legend

Drawing 2-A1, proposed floor plan B6 and proposed reflected ceiling plan room 109 has a dark shaded line 4' - 11 3/16" long. what does this dark shaded line represent? Please clarify in the symbol legend.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 1:52:41 PM

Question: 34 - Masonry Work

Spec book has sections 04 01 00, 04 05 13 and 04 20 00 for masonry work. Please identify on project drawings location of masonry work related to these sections.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 2:06:05 PM

Question: 35 - Symbol Legend

Drawing 2-A1, proposed floor plan B6 plan room 109 has a line 10' - 4 1/8" long. what does this line represent? Please clarify in the symbol legend.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/26/2017 4:42:05 PM

Question: 36 - Grab Bar

Drawig D-A1 detail F-1 shows wall to floor grab bar. Please identify on drawings location of this grab bar and locations/number of restrooms.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/27/2017 9:30:09 AM

Question: 37 - Flooring Sectional Drawing

Please provide a detailed section drawing of flooring indicating configuration of flooring material/layers to be used for installation new ceramic tile. Spec section 09 30 13 states various types of setting methods, please show clearly on requested flooring section drawing.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/27/2017 10:20:52 AM

Question: 38 - Plumbing

The existing bathroom floor plans do not indicate which of the existing toilet fixtures are floor or wall mounted. If revised drawings, or a list identifying existing fixtures will not be produced, should the contractor just assume all existing fixtures are floor mounted?

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/27/2017 12:03:30 PM

Question: 39 - Lead-Paint Removal

Please refer to spec section 02 83 33.13, if contractor performs the demolition work with his own crew then what specific training or license is required for the removal of lead-paint activity.

This question has not been answered yet

Submitted On: 1/27/2017 12:14:18 PM

Question: 40 - Various Questions

1. Phasing: Are the buildings going to be occupied for Can the buildings be worked in at the same time or is there a phasing schedule to be followed for completion? 2. Working Hours: Can this work be completed during normal working hours? 3. Below Slab Work: Can the below slab work for the new floor drains be completed during normal working hours? 4. Lighting: Please provide a Lighting Schedule.

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