

2030101 MSC Replace Pod 5 Roof: RESPONSES TO BIDDER QUESTIONS		08-12-2024	
RFI	QUESTION	RESPOND	RESPONSE
1	Please confirm that existing electrical and water utilities are available for the Contractor's use and free of charge.	SI-CM	Confirmed. Contractor may use existing electric & water at no cost. Must provide backflow device on water connection.
2	Please confirm if the Superintendent can also be a Quality Manager & Site Safety Officer on this project.	SI-CM	Superintendent may serve as quality manager & site safety officer on this project if the requirements of each position are met.
3	Please confirm that no other personnel required aside from Superintendent/QCM/SSHO.	SI-CM	Contractor shall provide required personnel as identified in the project documents.
4	Are we required to have a separate team for normal and off-hours work. If yes, please confirm if an alternate superintendent is enough to fill the supervision requirement during off-hours work.	SI-CM	Staffing is upto the contractor following federal and state regulations on work hours.
5	Please provide sign-in sheet.	SI-CM	Sign-in sheets from COTR are attached.
6	Provide a roof flashing detail for AHU units. If no detail is available, confirm if it's expected that lifting the AHU units will be required for flashing work or not.	architrave	It is not anticipated that the major AHUs numbers 1-5 will be lifted in this project. See note C2 roof curb schedule A 601SH for design requirements- provides detail per the manufacturer's recommendation. Small units should be lifted and flashed in with the manufacturer's typical curb detail, similar to 5/A503.
7	Per Specification 075600-2.14, walkway pads are to be EPDM rubber pads. These walkway pads are designed for an EPDM system that allows gluing the walkway pads to the EPDM membrane. Advise if this standard attachment method is approved by the PMMA membrane manufacturer or provide an alternate attachment method.	architrave	Provide walking pads from the same manufacturer as the roofing system and with an adhesive method that is compatible with the roofing system.
8	Per drawing 2/A501DT, drawing call for "two tapered layers of adhered polyiso insul." Confirm if this is directing bidders to carry two layers of tapered insulation or a more conventional layer of rigid insulation with tapered on top.	architrave	Provide tapered insulation to achieve the required minimum slopes and thicknesses at all locations shown. Existing metal deck slopes are based on original construction documents and should be verified in the field prior to ordering insulation. Layering techniques to achieve the requirements are at the contractor's discretion.

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9	Per drawing 2/A501DT, drawings call for tapered insulation. It also references a "ETR sloped metal deck." Confirm if this means to install tapered insulation over the entire roof area, or if tapered insulation is limited to crickets facilitating drainage to drain locations.	architrave	Provide tapered insulation to achieve the required minimum slopes and thicknesses at all locations shown. Existing metal deck slopes are based on original construction documents and should be verified in the field prior to ordering insulation. Layering techniques to achieve the requirements are at the contractor's discretion.
10	Confirm if the grounds at column line 1-2/D on A101RP is available for staging. If so, confirm if we will be able to temporarily shut down the door entrance at this location.	SI-CM	Coordinate staging areas with COTR. Emergency egress door will remain accessible at all times except during crane lifts.
11	Per A002, confirm if the west road that runs parallel to MD Route 458 is available for vehicle deliveries to the staging areas along the west side of the building.	SI-CM	Confirmed. Coordinate with COTR.
12	Confirm if contractor can use the paved areas adjacent to the south side of the building for unloading/loading of materials.	SI-CM	Confirmed. Coordinate with COTR.
13	The provided project schedule indicates a 03/01/2024 NTP and 12/2/2024 Site Completion. Since it's already August, starting this project before the end of the year will result in substantial portions of this work happening in the temperatures and humidity levels outside of the manufacturer's installation requirements. Confirm if this project is expected to begin this year or if the start date can be postponed until Spring 2025.	SI-CM	Onsite start date can be postponed till 3/1/2025.
14	Will the government engage a Quality Assurance/Quality Control Agency. If yes, can we be provided with the company name.	SI-CM	The government will not engage a Quality Assurance/Quality Control Agency. Contractor is responsible for Quality Assurance/Quality Control.
15	Please confirm if third party testing is the responsibility of Smithsonian.	SI-CM	The Contractor is responsible for all testing, including third party testing, as listed within the Specifications.
16	Please confirm that Green Card/Right to Work permits are allowed for Sub trade workers.	SI-CM	Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs – Green Card holders) or Immigrant Visa holders (e.g. H-1B work visa holders) are allowed to work on the contract as subcontractors.

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17	Are restroom facilities available, or will temporary restroom be required?	SI-CM	As described in Spec Section 01000, Contractors are not permitted to use toilets on premises, and shall provide and maintain temporary sanitary facilities as approved.
18	Will the General Contractor be required to have Field Office for meetings? Please advise.	SI-CM	NO
19	Please confirm if the existing stair tower will remain at place until the completion of this project? Or are we required to provide our own stair tower. If yes, please provide the location.	SI-CM	Contractor shall plan to use & provide own stair tower. Coordinate final location with COTR.
20	Please provide a staging area.	SI-CM	Staging Area to be provided and coordinated with COTR

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