

Rice University
George R Brown Hall
E228/E228A
Zhu Lab (MSNE)

Response to Bidder Questions
9/28/2018

Item	Question	Response
1	Will contractor parking be provided by Rice University or will contractors be responsible for their own parking expense?	(1) Parking hangtag will be provided for project superintendent; subcontractors to park in Greenbriar lot.
2	During the site visit, it was discussed that Room E228 and E228A will need to be completed in phases. Will room E228 need to be completed first or will room E228A need to be completed first?	E228A is to be renovated first.
3	Please provide basis of design for the 12' white board that is Contractor Furnished, Contractor Installed.	CORRECTION: White board will be provided by owner.
4	Will there be any additional bid submission requirements? Are bids to be emails directly to George Ristow or are they to be mailed/hand delivered to a certain location? Will we be required to turn in proposed team information or any other information besides our Lump Sum price?	Provide the following in an email to George Ristow: 1) total project cost with breakout by division, 2) include general conditions and fee percentage, 3) list of subcontractors, 4) confirm acceptance or exceptions with conditions of short form contract (attached), and 5) project schedule.
5	Please confirm that a full-time superintendent will always be required to be on site for this project.	A superintendent will not need to be present at all times for this project, however, they should be present when subcontractors are on site.
6	There are a few Metro Shelves called to be Contractor Furnished, Contractor Installed. It appears that only the Width & Lengths were provided but not the Height of the shelves or how many rows of shelves were required per unit. Please provide more details for accurate pricing.	CORRECTION: These shelves will be provided by the owner.
7	The Equipment List on sheet A2.2 states that the existing fume hoods are to remain, and that cleaning/re-certification is by Rice. Please confirm that cleaning/re-certification is by Rice and not by the Contractor like key note #16 on sheet A2.0 states.	Correct.
8	Please provide basis of design for under-bench refrigerator that is to be Contractor Furnished, Contractor Installed.	CORRECTION: To be provided by the owner.
9	Please provide routing of new condensate lines on the plumbing plans and show condensate lines that need to be removed (if any).	N/A

10	Please provide the contact information for the "Controls" contractor for the building.	Siemens is the controls contractor for the BAS system. They provide the thermostat and do the temperature side. Phoenix Controls does the air valve with its front end controls.
11	Does the entire pathway from the loading dock to the labs being renovated require floor protection?	Only during major demolition activities and deliveries; not necessarily for the entirety of the project.
12	Please confirm that all the Owner's loose items/equipment in the rooms will be removed prior to the General Contractor mobilizing to the jobsite.	They will be removed to the extent possible, however, the research group will have equipment in place that may need to be protected for certain construction operations. This shall be coordinated with Rice FE&P in the field.
13	Please confirm that there will not be prevailing wage requirements on the project.	Correct.
14	Looking at pg. E4, it seems like receptacles are to stay and we're only relocating the rack. The two racks will make one, and another will be added by the panels with new receptacles. Is this correct?	1) Equipment #5 - Overhead Utility Rack (2'x4') - Receptacles and data conduits to be relocated. All conduits and j-boxes shall be connected in new location. 2) Equipment #6 - Overhead utility Rack (10'x3') - half of receptacles and data conduits shall be relocated. Half receptacles and data conduits shall be new. All conduits and j-boxes shall be connected in new location.
15	Provide a list of preferred subcontractors	Mechanical: Letsos, Gowan, C-Air-S, DSI, Way Engineering. Plumbing: Letsos, HCL, Mitchell-Chuoke, MLN, DSI, Kilgore, Way Engineering. Electrical: Britain, Fisk (but not limited to these)