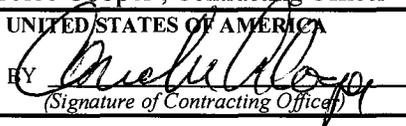


AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE 1 of 2
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. A001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE July 23, 2010	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY Carolee Cooper, Contracting Officer Department of State US Embassy Panama	CODE	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE		
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (NO., street, city, county, State, and ZIP Code)		9a. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. SPM070-10-Q-0042		
		X 9b. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) July 22, 2010		
		10a. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.		
		10b. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)		
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS				
<p>[X] The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers [] is extended, [X] is not extended</p> <p>Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers.</p> <p>FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.</p>				
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)				
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.				
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.				
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b)				
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:				
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)				
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor [] is not, [X] is required to sign this document and return <u>1</u> copies to the issuing office.				
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)				
The purpose of this amendments to make three corrections to the solicitation, change the work completion period and the regular working hours. Accordingly,				
SEE ATTACHED PAGE				
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.				
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER Carolee Cooper, Contracting Officer		
15B. NAME OF CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR BY _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY  (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED 7-23-2010	

DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT CONTINUED

1. Paragraph (E) (c). Deliveries or Performance is modified. Accordingly DELETE (E) (c) and REPLACED with:

E. DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

The Contractor shall be required to:

- (a) commence work under this contract within *five (5) working days* after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed (NTP),
 - (b) prosecute the work diligently, and,
 - (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than forty (*40) calendar days* after receiving the NTP.
 - (d) Bathrooms 3 & 4 furniture – to be installed not later than forty five (45) calendar days.
 - (e) Temper glass shower for bathroom 3 & 4 – to be installed not later than sixty (60) calendar days.
2. Paragraph (E.6) – Working Hours is modified. Accordingly DELETE (E.6) and REPLACED with:

E.6 WORKING HOURS

All work shall be performed during the hours from *7:00 am through 10:00 pm from Monday through Sunday*. Other hours, if requested by the Contractor, may be approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). The Contractor shall give 24 hours in advance to COR who will consider any deviation from the hours identified above. Changes in work hours, initiated by the Contractor, will not be a cause for a price increase.

3. Paragraph (2.1.B, 2.2.B & 2.3.B) from Attachment #4, Specifications – Part II, are modified. Accordingly add the following paragraph:

The contractor shall provide the windows for bathrooms 2, 3, & 4. The windows shall be anodized white aluminum with ¼” thick clear glass, composed of two SLIDING PANELS 1.35 m. high each and one fixed panel 0.55 m. high on top, sliding panels must have insect screen.

4. Paragraph 1.0 (B) from Attachment #1, Specifications – Part I is modified. Accordingly add the following paragraph:

Contractor must substitute the ceramic floor tiles by 1/8” thick, 30 cms by 30 cms vinyl floor tiles in the closet areas.



Embassy of the United States of America

Panama, Republic of Panama

July 23, 2010

Dear Prospective Offeror:

SUBJECT: Minutes from the site-visit of *Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at the Ambassador's Residence (CMR)*.
Solicitation Number SPM070-10-Q-0042 – Remodeling Bathrooms and Replacing Floor Tiles on the Second Floor.

Introduction

All attendees were welcomed and the US Embassy representatives were introduced: the Contracting Officer (CO), Carolee Cooper, the Contracting Officer Representative (COR), Elias Cartin, the Procurement Representative, Malena Dawson and Walter A Williams.

Discussion of the Solicitation Package

The following sections of the solicitation were highlighted:

- Solicitation Due Date and Time:
 - 11:00a.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2010.
 - No proposals will be considered that do not meet the deadline.

- Instructions, Conditions and Notices to Offerors:
 - Submission of quotations
 - VOLUME I (*signed* SF18 and attachment 13 “Breakdown of proposal price by divisions of specifications)
 - VOLUME II (Performance schedule in the form of a “bar chart” and Business Management/Technical Proposal)
 - Section L (L.1. Representation & Certifications)

- Evaluation Factors for Award:
 - Lowest priced, technically acceptable, responsible offeror (Refer to Section K – page 21).

Some revisions resulted from the site-visit which will be corrected through Amendment A001 to the solicitation. Amendment A001 is attached as an enclosure to these minutes.

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Questions and Answers

Attached as an enclosure to these minutes are the questions asked and the Government's responses.

Conclusion

The Site-Visit concluded and attendees were thanked for their presence and expression of interest in serving the U.S. Government.

Sincerely,


Carolee Cooper
Contracting Officer

Enclosures: Questions and Answers
Amendment 001

SOLICITATION NO. SPM070-10-Q-0042**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

1. **Question** – Please Confirm the High of the Ceiling?

Answer – The ceiling high for ALL BATHROOMS shall be 3.05 m above Finished Floor (AFF) as Indicated under paragraph 2 of ATTACHMENT #4 – SPECIFICATIONS – PART II, Scope of Work, B. New Work. The ceiling design shall be similar to the Bathroom No. 1 design.

2. **Question** – What must be the color for the bathroom 3 & 4 furniture and granite counter?

Answer: The furniture must be white and the counter granite must be grey with black pigments.

3. **Question** – Shall the contractor provide the Bathroom 2, 3 & 4 windows and what are the bathroom 2, 3, & 4 windows specifications?

Answer – Yes, the contractor shall provide the windows for bathrooms 2, 3, & 4. The windows shall be anodized white aluminum with ¼" thick clear glass, composed of two SLIDING PANELS 1.35 m. high each and one fixed panel 0.55 m. high on top, sliding panels must have insect screen.

4. **Question** – Shall the contractor replace the drain line for new location of toilet in bathroom No. 3?

Answer – Yes, the toilet shall be relocated to the former bidet location. Consequently, the bidet drain line shall be replaced by a 4" diameter drain line for toilet.

5. **Question** – Shall the bathroom walls be finished with ceramic tiles from floor to the ceiling?

Answer – Yes, the walls finish shall be from floor to ceiling @3.10 meters high. In other words, 0.05 meters higher than ceiling.

6. **Question** – Shall the contractor omit the replacement of ceramic floor tiles in the closets areas due to the drawers and permanent Racks?

Answer – Yes, contractor must substitute the ceramic floor tiles by 1/8" thick, 30 cms by 30 cms vinyl floor tiles in the closet areas.

7. **Question** – Could the contractor install new floor tiles on top of existing floor tiles?

Answer – No, The Contractor must remove existing floor tiles and skirting of base boards as stated in the Scope of Work: Demolition.