

Review Comments from the Contracting Officers

1) Replace Steam Pipe - South Leg, Hines VA Medical Center, Hines, IL

Quality: Rating Very Good: Comment “The engineers provided quality work for a complicated project enabling the construction contractor to perform his work well.”

Comment: Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25219D0017 Order Number: 36C25222N0148

The engineering team is very knowledgeable and experienced. They frequently offer alternate ideas to solve problems. They are very responsive to RFI's and provide good support to the VA and the construction contractor.

- CO Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO-12

2) Modernize C-Wing Hot Water System CPS, William S. Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, WI

Quality: Rating Very Good: “The quality of the product provided by USFin during this evaluation period was instrumental to project completion. Their reviews provided clear and precise narrative which was used to simplify responses to both RFI and submittals. Their counsel for the interpretation of specifications and manufacturer requirements assisted the VA to ensure the final product adhered to the design plans.”

Schedule: Rating Exceptional: “USFin was able and willing to adapt and adjust to ever changing schedule during the entire project. From the beginning of the project, the recommended phasing was almost entirely abandoned due to a major delay caused by improperly hung mechanical piping. This delay was compounded by seasonal heating requirements and an intricate balance between demolition and new system installation.”

Management: Rating Exceptional: “During the evaluation period, the staff at USFin remained available and extremely flexible during numerous construction delays. Numerous meetings were held outside of the typical weekly schedule, and USFin was able to ensure appropriate representation was made by their subject experts. If such an expert was unavailable, USFin was still represented, and follow-up/clarifying information was quickly provided to the VA as their expertise was made available.”

Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25218D0156

Order Number: 36C25221N0208

- CO Department of Veterans Affairs

3) Renovate for Cath Lab Area, William S. Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, WI

Quality: Rating Very Good: “The contractors quality performance was very good for this task order. Contractor was able to manage the various project disciplines through a few design changes by the VA, while keeping the main design goal in focus. Quality of the design submissions met expectations.”

Schedule: Rating Very Good: “Contractor was able to adjust schedule and produce documents and drawings in a timely manner, completed all project schedule dates on time, and kept the VA informed of dates, milestones and progress as needed.”

Management: Rating Very Good: “The contractors management performance was very good for this task order. Contractor was able to manage the various disciplines throughout the design. The contractor did an above satisfactory performance in managing the design team, answering questions and working with the VA throughout the process.”

Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25218D0156 Order Number: 36C25221N0280

- CO Department of Veterans Affairs

4) Renovate 4B CPS, William S. Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, WI

Quality: Rating Very Good: “USFIN has provided Submittal Review & input RFI Responses. Their responses were timely, acceptable & within the contract scope of work. They have been proactive in addressing RFI’s and within submittals while offering their technical expertise. No issues were noted.”

Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25218D0156 Order Number: 36C25222N0196

- CO Department of Veterans Affairs

4) Renovate 4B Design, William S. Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, WI

Quality: Rating Very Good: “Based on conversations and questions received from the AE, we feel confident they reviewed and covered some of the past oversights that have occurred on the other projects and we confident we will see the benefit during this project.”

Schedule: Rating Very Good: “USFin experienced some review delays due to return of comments by the VA. The contractor adjusted without issue and returned the project back on track.”

Management: Rating Very Good: “There was good communication between the AE and their sub-consultants during this design. USFin and their consultants asked pertinent and pointed questions throughout the design period which resulted in the completion of the design.”

Regulatory Compliance: Rating Very Good: “USFin made proper inquiries to the recommended authorities to the VA in regards to fire protection (wall and barrier rating, requirements for alarms) without issue.”

Thoroughness: Rating Very Good: “USFin made the effort to try and review the areas where the construction required changes from past projects, and make adjustments as needed on these project documents to avoid the potential changes once construction starts. The VA should realize benefit from this once constructed.”

Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25218D0156 Order Number: 36C25218N9280

- CO Department of Veterans Affairs

5) Renovate Radiology for CT, William S. Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, WI

Management: Rating Very Good: “Contractor was very responsive to VA’s requested design changes and was able to resume work quickly after VA delay in determining design changes.”

Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25218D0156 Order Number: 36C25221N0288

- CO Department of Veterans Affairs

6) Replace Building 18 CPS, William S. Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, WI

Quality: Rating Very Good: “USFin met the contractual requirements during the performance of this Task Order without any issues. The AE managed the submittal process, RFI’s and issues that came up throughout the project expeditiously.”

Schedule: Rating Very Good: Comment “Contractor maintained schedule throughout the construction project without incident and was flexible along the duration. There were no delays on behalf of the AE.”

Management: Rating Very Good: Comment “The contractor’s management teams performance throughout was very good. Communication and responses throughout the project were prompt and concise.”

Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25218D0156 Order Number: 36C25221N0209

- CO Department of Veterans Affairs

7) Upgrade Eagle and Freight Elevators, William S. Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, WI

Quality: Rating Very Good: “Comment The design package submitted is very good in quality. In particular the elevator design drawing & specifications met the VA goals and complied with VA elevator standards with no issues noted. Contractor has met all contractual requirements.”

Schedule: Rating Very Good: Comment “Contractor met all deliverable submissions and scheduled milestones and delivered the final design package prior to the contract completion date.”

Management: Rating Very Good: Comment “Contract met the requirements for managing the design portion of the contract. AE – USFin worked very well with the elevator consultant to provide an elevator modernization package to current VA standards.”

Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25218D0156 Order Number: 36C25221N0605

- CO Department of Veterans Affairs

8) Renovate 3B for Inpatient Unit CPS, William S. Middleton VA Hospital, Madison, WI

Quality: Rating Very Good: “A/E identified items that the contractor felt were not part of the contract that were included per NFPA. This negated the submission of a change request from the construction contractor”

Schedule: Rating Very Good: Comment “Contract was extended by a total of 147 Days. These extensions were the result of the construction contractor’s inability to complete their work within the construction period. The A/E’s Final Inspection resulted in correction of several electrical deficiencies that were code mandated.”

Management: Rating Very Good: Comment “The point of contact at USFIN; David Snow’s attention to detail ensured that submittals were reviewed & sent back to the government in expeditious manner.”

Contract/Schedule Number: 36C25218D0156 Order Number: 36C25220N0419

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