

RFI No. 002: SOLICITATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Project: Port Townsend, WA Main Office Exterior Restorations

Project Number: B14633

United States Postal Service		Office: Southern CMT	
SOLICITATION NUMBER	482263-22-A-0023	Location: 660 Data Dr, Suite 700 - Plano, TX 75075	
ATTACHMENTS	YES	NO	Date Questions Received by USPS: 7/14/2022
Drawings		X	Response Date by USPS: 7/22/2022
Specifications		X	
Other		X	

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION and RESPONSES:

Plaster Repairs

Reference Data: Site Walk

Q1: Aside from the major plaster repairs on the interior of the building (identified on the drawings), where small cracks exist, are we permitted to use taping mud for repairs on plaster. Taping mud will prove to be a better product for feathering and covering small cracks.

A1:

Yes, taping mud can be utilized for feathering and small cracks.

Loose Wall/Ceiling Plaster

Reference Data: Site walk

Q2: There were some areas reviewed on site that we believe require plaster repairs but are not on the drawings. Should we just bid the quantities on the drawings and worry about the other areas during construction to be addressed as a MOD?

A2:

Please provide bids in accordance with the bid documents.

Stone Repairs

Reference Data: Site Walk

Q3: There are existing stone repairs that were completed prior to this project. Are we to assume that we will be removing and re-repairing these or shall we assume that we will be leaving them? If we are to be removing and repairing them, are these included in the predetermined allowance for sandstone repairs?

A3:

All previous repairs are to remain and are not included in the bid documents.

Stone Color

Reference Data: Site Walk

Q4: How many patching repair "colors" will be required? Should we propose to utilize (3) colors; a light, medium, and dark color and use our best judgement or should we plan to color match as close as possible? This is important for uniformity in bidding.

A4:

Yes, provide 3 close shades for the patching of the existing. Follow the requirements of section 044700 Part 3.

Historical Preservation Repair Guidelines

Reference Data: Site Walk

Q5: Please identify the specific Federal Historic Preservation repair type that the mason should follow for each repair. It is our understanding that there are several differing guidelines, and they vary in detail and scope.

A5:

See the project bidding documents for the requirements of repair. See the following USPS sections: 044700.1 – Sandstone Repair; 044700.2 – Sandstone Thru-surface Repair; 049000 -Masonry Cleaning and 049150 Masonry Restoration for project requirements.

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Sandstone patching thickness

Reference Data: Site Walk

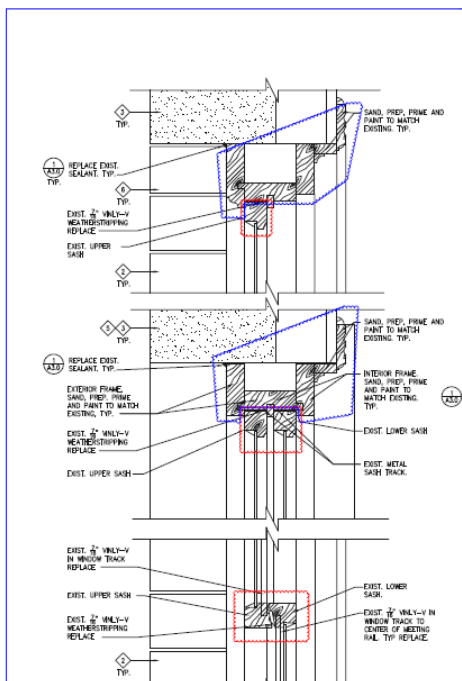
Q6: Where sandstone is delaminated, a patch with a thickness of ¼” or less is often a risky solution. The shallowness of the patch does not allow for much integrity. Is it acceptable to leave anything ¼” or less as is, and only repair where the patch is thicker than ¼”?

A6:

See section 044700 3.02 for the requirements.

Window Restoration

Reference Data: A1.4, A3.0, below snip



From drawing A 3.0

FLAG NOTES	
NOTE: NOT ALL NOTES MAY APPLY TO THIS SHEET.	
1	PROVIDE REPAIR AT ALL WINDOWS. ABATE LEAD PAINT FROM ALL WINDOWS ACCORDING TO GOVERNING A.H.L. REMOVE SASHES AND PROVIDE TEMPORARY WEATHER PROTECTION. REPAIR SASHES AND FRAMES AS DETAILED AND SPECIFIED ACCORDING TO SHPO STANDARDS. PROVIDE NEW COPPER SASH PANS TO MATCH EXISTING. REPAIR ALL INTERNAL PARTS OF THE WINDOWS TO PROVIDE FUNCTIONING WINDOWS AS INTENDED.
2	CONTRACTOR SHALL INSPECT AND SOUND ALL QUIONS, AND REMOVE LOOSE AND CLEAVING FRAGMENTS. REPAIR SANDSTONE QUIONS, FORTIFY AND REPAIR TO MATCH EXISTING TEXTURE AND COLOR. ALLOWANCE FOR REPAIR = 1,000 SF

From drawing A1.4

Hilger Construction
RFI/Clarification#Leg2

Standard Secretary of the Interior practices allow for both removal and encapsulation for treatment of lead containing paint and finishes. Is it acceptable to:

-Scrape, restore, prime and paint frame components.

and

-Chemical strip complete of sashes so glazing can be saved to the greatest extent and joints properly treated.

Q7: Standard Secretary of the Interior practices allow for both removal and encapsulation for treatment of lead containing paint and finishes. Please see attached snip for further clarification requested on the scope. Please confirm the areas delineated in color associate with the intended locations in text.

A7:

Please follow the contract bid documents and provide abatement of all lead paint from all windows. Encapsulation is not an acceptable solution.

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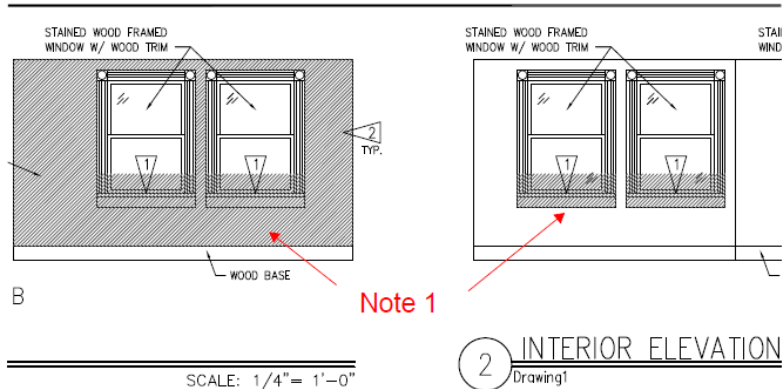
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Trim location

Reference Data: A2.3, below snip



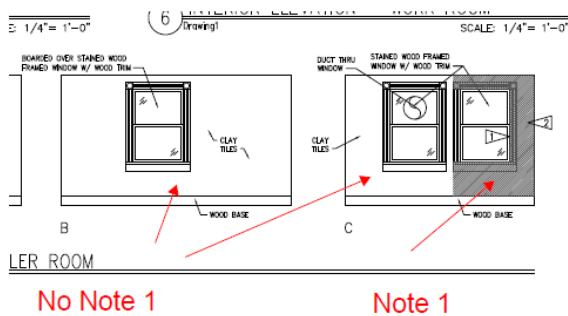
EXISTING PAINT COLOR.

KEY NOTES:

- CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE EXISTING SILL CASING AND TRIM. PROVIDE REPAIRS AND PROVIDE NEW AS REQUIRED. SAND, PREP AND FINISH (STAIN OR PAINT) TO MATCH EXISTING AND REINSTALL.
- REMOVE DAMAGED STUCCO TO EXPOSE EXISTING SUBSTRATE. REMOVE EXISTING WOOD BASE AND/OR EXISTING WOOD CORNICE AS REQUIRED TO PERFORM WORK. STORE FOR REINSTALLATION. PROVIDE NEW

Section from drawing A2.3

Section from drawing A2.3. Typical of all interior



Q8: Please verify that for documentation/pricing purposes, we are to assume all window interior trim to be treated where note (1) occurs and NO interior trim to be treat where note (1) is absent.

A8:

Provide the bid according to the contract bid documents.