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**Balcony Repairs at PA Bidwell, PA-15**

**IFB#600-43-16-G-E**

## **ADDENDUM NO.4**

This addendum issued November 16, 2016 becomes in its entirety a part of the Invitation for Bid IFB #600-43-16-G-E as is fully set forth herein:

**Item 1: Q:** Is the Asbestos Abatement limited to the ceiling tiles? One of the abatement contractors is including the Ceiling Beams and Fascia. All of these areas are to receive 2 coats of Sikaguard 670W. Could you verify that the Ceiling Beams and Fascia are not part of the abatement?

**A:** Yes and Yes, but to keep assumptions in check, there are no ceiling 'tiles' in the work area. Rather, the undersides of the precast concrete planks have both decorative and construction joints which resemble tiles in appearance, but are not. The coating at the undersides of the precast, e.g. the ceiling surfaces, is to be fully abated. Perimeter beam surfaces, soffits and fasciae, did not have detectable levels of asbestos per Table 3-1 in Section 00 31 26. These surfaces are called "overhangs" in that Section.

**Item 2: Q:** Can you also confirm that the caulking which is in contact with the Ceiling Tiles containing asbestos, the Ceiling Beams, and Fascia should be removed with the Asbestos Abatement?

**A:** Caulking did not have detectable levels of asbestos per Table 3-1 in Section 00 31 26, so removal is not governed by Section 02 82 13 Asbestos Abatement. Joint sealants however, their compatibility with new work, and the requirement for a five-year system warranty are governed by other Sections, primarily 07 92 00 and 09 96 00. To meet these criteria, existing sealants should be removed and replaced, though not necessarily removed during abatement.

**Item 3: Q:** Note #9 states to: "clean all existing steel railings free of loose paint, rust, and other bond-inhibiting substances." The specifications have been interpreted as stripping of all paint. Could you clarify this?

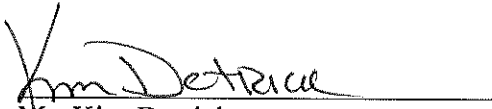
**A:** Please see Clause 9 in the General Conditions, HUD-5370.

**Item 4:**      **Q:**      On the decks to be recoated, there appears to be a significant amount of existing material that is either missing or de-bonded. There also is some delamination on the decks. In order to have an inform (sic) coating application, should any repair material be added to these areas? We are assuming preparation as specified for the coating.

**A:**      Where the existing deck coating is weak, flaking, or otherwise unsound, it must be removed per 09 96 00.3.2.D. Preparation at these areas is essentially a subtractive process – removing the unsound down to what's sound – and not an additive one. The processes and techniques used prior to recoating are ultimately going to be workmanship-dependent, as will be evident when new coatings are applied. Note that preparation work and subsequent coating work will be reviewed via mockup under 09 96 00.1.5 Quality Assurance, and must be approved by three parties at each of those steps.

**Item 5:**      The proposal due date for this IFB has been extended to November 22, 2016 and the time and location remain unchanged at 10:00 AM, at the HACP Procurement Dept., 100 Ross St. 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

**END OF ADDENDUM NO. 4**

  
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Date