

CLINICAL ENGINEERING

Facilities Management

IDIQ for Roofing Repair and Inspection Services

The Veteran's Affairs Special Service (VASS) contracting office has awarded an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract for providing roofing repair and inspection services effective 1 October 2000 to Silver Star Technologies Inc., a Disabled Vietnam Veteran Owned HUBZone Business. Silver Star partnered with the Garland Company, a manufacturer of high performance roofing. This contract allows task orders to be written by government contracting officials against the primary contract and can be issued within 2-3 weeks. Task orders are available for use at any CONUS/OCONUS DoD military or OGA medical treatment facility (MTF). The contract can be viewed on-line at afml.ft-detrick.af.mil/AFMLO/va/contract/IDIQ/Silver_Star/Silver_Star.htm. If your Air Force facility is interested in having a task order written, contact Mary Rust, DSN 343-4033, 301-619-4033, mary.rust@ft-detrick.af.mil, or Capt Rich Cutts, commercial 404-562-4230, rich.cutts@usafsg.Brooks.af.mil. (HQ, AFMLO/FOM-P, Maj Troy Molnar, DSN 343-4083, commercial 301-619-4083, troy.molnar@ft-detrick.af.mil)

Multiple Award Contracts for Facility Operations, Repair, and Maintenance (FORM)

The Veteran's Affairs Special Service (VASS) contracting office has awarded multiple award task order indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ)

contracts for providing medical facility operations, repair and maintenance (FORM) services, effective 1 October 2000. These contracts are similar to the current OMEE facility maintenance contracts. They allow for task orders to be written by government contracting officials against the primary contracts and are available for use at any CONUS/OCONUS DoD military medical treatment facility (MTF). Contract pricing is based on Square Footage (SF) of patient care buildings (Clinical buildings) and non-patient care buildings (Warehouses) and geographical location of the MTF. Preliminary results indicate a 20-25% savings from the current OMEE contracts. The basic level of service in the contract is from 7:00AM-5:00PM daily, with 24-hour on call, 365 days a year. Also included in the basic level of service is all repair and maintenance parts under \$2500 per job. There are a total of six contractors, 3 large and 3 small. Some of the vendors cover certain geographical areas only. These contracts can be viewed on-line at afml.ft-detrick.af.mil/AFMLO/va/Contract/VASS_Facility.htm. If your Air Force facility is interested in having a task order written, it can be done within 3-4 weeks. Contact Mary Rust, DSN 343-4033, commercial 301-619-4033, mary.rust@ft-detrick.af.mil for details. (HQ, AFMLO/FOM-P, Maj Troy Molnar, DSN 343-4083, commercial 301-619-4083, troy.molnar@ft-detrick.af.mil)

2001 Medical Facilities Management Symposium Call for Topics

Save the date! We will once again be holding our annual Joint Services Medical Facilities Management Symposium in conjunction with the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition, 16-20 July 2001, in Tampa, Florida.

Help us help you. Although the symposium is several months away, now is the time to begin gathering ideas for topics. What particular issues do you want to find out more about? Do you have a recommendation for an educational session and a suggested presenter? How about yourself – would

you like to present something you believe the rest of the field would benefit from? Do you have an idea for a symposium theme? As medical facility managers on the frontline of today's ever-increasing challenges, you know best what information and training are needed in the field. Here is your opportunity to contribute. Please submit your ideas, and we will do our best to respond to all your needs. Send your suggestions to Maj Gil Weston at gil.Weston@ft-detrick.af.mil. Further information regarding the 2001 Medical Facilities Management Symposium can be found on AFMLO's Facility Management web page at <http://afml.ft-detrick.af.mil/afmlo/facilities.htm>. (AFMLO/FOM-F, Maj Gil Weston, DSN 343-4972, commercial 301-619-4972, gil.Weston@ft-detrick.af.mil).

Regulated Medical Waste Defined

AFI 41-201, *Managing Clinical Engineering Programs*, Para 4.27, addresses regulated medical waste at Air Force medical treatment facilities. It requires the periodic publication of the Air Force definition of medical waste in the AFMLL. Not much has changed in the definition as published in the August 95 issue of the AFMLL. The Environmental Protection Agency has generally defined medical waste as "any solid waste that is generated in the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals, in research pertaining thereto, or in the production or testing of biologicals, including but not limited to:

- soiled or blood-soaked bandages
- culture dishes and other glassware
- discarded surgical gloves--after surgery
- discarded surgical instruments--scalpels
- needles used to give shots or draw blood
- cultures, stocks, swabs used to inoculate cultures
- removed body organs--tonsils, appendices, limbs, etc.
- lancets--the little blades the doctor to get a drop of blood from your finger

Bases located in states or regions that define regulated medical waste more stringently must supplement the Air Force definition with the state or local definition. Links for regulated medical waste can be found on AFMLO's Facility Management web page at afml.ft-detrick.af.mil. The EPA definition of medical waste can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/other/Medical/def.htm>. Specific state guidelines can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/Other/medical/stregs.htm>. (AFMLO/FOM-F, Capt David Schlevensky, DSN 343-4081, commercial 301-619-4081, david.schlevensky@ft-detrick.af.mil)

Biomedical Equipment Maintenance

FCC Releases New Guidelines for Wireless Medical Telemetry

As we move into the 21st Century, the proliferation of wireless technologies within the Medical Treatment Facility is inevitable. We will see manufacturers begin selling palm-sized vital signs monitors, physicians with real-time access to patient records through their handheld device, as well as other Bluetooth™, IR, and radio-based technologies. Recently, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released new guidelines for Wireless Medical Telemetry. These guidelines could have a major impact on those facilities currently using telemetry and even our future vision of WRM. Compliance with these guidelines becomes mandatory two years from the effective date of the ruling, in this case 8 June 2002. As the subject matter experts for medical technologies, it will be incumbent upon you, the BMET, to be aware of these new regulations and guidelines and to ensure that senior leadership has the correct information when addressing compliance issues. **Attachment 1** contains an article from the May/June issue of Biomedical

Instrumentation and Technology “Managing the Airwaves: New FCC Rules for Wireless Medical Telemetry,” the FCC press release on the new ruling, and the complete ruling.

We, like you, are trying to stay abreast of breaking technologies. Contact TSgt Stephen Walker at DSN 343-4039 with any questions. (AFMLO/FOM-E, TSgt Stephen Walker, DSN 343.4039, commercial 301-619-4039, stephen.walker@ft-detrick.af.mil)

New Device Codes

The following device codes have been added to the database. If you have these equipment types in your facility, run an SMR transaction in MEDLOG.

Device Code	17458	17508
Nomenclature	Polysomnograph	Printer, Video
Life Exp	5	8
PM Cycle - WRM	12	12
Cal Cycle - WRM	12	0
PM Cycle - Active	06	12
Cal Cycle - Active	12	0
PM Time	.5	.5
Literals	1-11, 529, 999	1-11, 999

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Quality Assurance

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recalls/Alert Notices

Attachment 2, paragraph 1, provides information on FDA medical equipment recalls and alerts. Personnel from clinical engineering, biomedical

equipment maintenance, quality assurance, and safety should follow the guidance provided to ensure the effective maintenance and management of medical equipment. (AFMLO/FOM-E, Capt P.J. Toth, DSN 343-7445, commercial 301-619-7445, paul.toth@ft-detrick.af.mil)

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