

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS/CLARIFICATIONS

- 1) *Will substitutions be allowed for the specified products?*

The bidder may treat all specified products as the “basis for design”. To the satisfaction of The Housing Authority of the City of Lakeland (LHA), a substitution must prove to be of equal or greater quality than the product specified. If a bidder desires to use an equal or greater quality product, that bidder must include in its bid a comparison of specifications—acceptable to The Housing Authority of the City of Lakeland—between the specified product and the substitute product being offered.

- 2) *Re: Partial Waiver of Lien*

Please see the following in the Project Manual: item 6.a., *Request for Payment/General Conditions*; item 6.k., *General Contractor’s Affidavit and Partial Waiver of Lien*; item 6.l., *Subcontractor’s Affidavit and Partial Waiver of Lien*; and item 6.m., *Material Supplier’s Affidavit and Partial Waiver of Lien*

- 3) *Will the General Contractor be replacing smoke detectors in all units?*

No, the General Contractor will only be replacing the smoke detectors in the two (2) audio/visual impaired apartments. All other smoke detectors will remain as existing. If any are affected by demolition in the typical apartments, they should be tested and relocated to the new location shown on the plans. Since no walls are moving in the accessible apartments, they will not have that problem. The new smoke detector is specified on the blueprints along with the audio/visual alert system.

- 4) *Should the General Contractor include the audio/visual alert system & devices within their bid, or is this an LHA responsibility?*

The General Contractor is to include the audio/visual alert system and devices, as specified on the blueprints, in their bid.

- 5) *Are the exterior lights to be replaced?*

No, there is no exterior work at all.

- 6) *Do the accessible units also get the audio/visual alert system?*

No, only the audio/visual impaired units, #'s 11 & 35, get the audio/visual alert system.

- 7) *Will the blinds and verticals be replaced?*

Yes, blinds and verticals are to be replaced with the new 2-1/2” vane blinds as specified.