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# SECTION 26 05 11 REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

# PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section applies to all sections of Division 26.
- B. Furnish and install electrical systems, materials, equipment, and accessories in accordance with the specifications and drawings. Capacities and ratings of motors, conductors and cable, panelboards, and other items and arrangements for the specified items are shown on the drawings.
- C. Conductor ampacities specified or shown on the drawings are based on copper conductors, with the conduit and raceways sized per NEC. Aluminum conductors are prohibited.

## **1.2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The latest International Building Code (IBC), Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes and standards are the minimum requirements for materials and installation.
- B. The drawings and specifications shall govern in those instances where requirements are greater than those stated in the above codes and standards.

### 1.3 TEST STANDARDS

A. All materials and equipment shall be listed, labeled, or certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) to meet Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL), standards where test standards have been established. Materials and equipment which are not covered by UL standards will be accepted, providing that materials and equipment are listed, labeled, certified or

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- B. Definitions:
  - 1. Listed: Materials and equipment included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production or listed materials and equipment or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that the materials and equipment either meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.
  - 2. Labeled: Materials and equipment to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled materials and equipment, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.
  - 3. Certified: Materials and equipment which:
    - a. Have been tested and found by a NRTL to meet nationally recognized standards or to be safe for use in a specified manner.
    - b. Are periodically inspected by a NRTL.
    - c. Bear a label, tag, or other record of certification.

 Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory: Testing laboratory which is recognized and approved by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with OSHA regulations.

#### 1.4 QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES)

- A. Manufacturer's Qualifications: The manufacturer shall regularly and currently produce, as one of the manufacturer's principal products, the materials and equipment specified for this project, and shall have manufactured the materials and equipment for at least three years.
- B. Product Qualification:
  - Manufacturer's materials and equipment shall have been in satisfactory operation, on three installations of similar size and type as this project, for at least three years.
  - The Government reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit a list of installations where the materials and equipment have been in operation before approval.
- C. Service Qualifications: There shall be a permanent service organization maintained or trained by the manufacturer which will render satisfactory service to this installation within eight hours of receipt of notification that service is needed. Submit name and address of service organizations.

## **1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. Applicable publications listed in all Sections of Division 26 shall be the latest issue, unless otherwise noted.
- B. Products specified in all sections of Division 26 shall comply with the applicable publications listed in each section.

## 1.6 MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

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- A. Materials and equipment furnished shall be of current production by manufacturers regularly engaged in the manufacture of such items, and for which replacement parts shall be available. Materials and equipment furnished shall be new and shall have superior quality and freshness.
- B. When more than one unit of the same class or type of materials and equipment is required, such units shall be the product of a single manufacturer.
- C. Equipment Assemblies and Components:
  - Components of an assembled unit need not be products of the same manufacturer.
  - Manufacturers of equipment assemblies, which include components made by others, shall assume complete responsibility for the final assembled unit.
  - 3. Components shall be compatible with each other and with the total assembly for the intended service.
  - Constituent parts which are similar shall be the product of a single manufacturer.
- D. Factory wiring and terminals shall be identified on the equipment being furnished and on all wiring diagrams.
- E. When Factory Tests are specified, Factory Tests shall be performed in the factory by the equipment manufacturer and witnessed by the contractor. In addition, the following requirements shall be complied with:
  - The Government shall have the option of witnessing factory tests. The Contractor shall notify the Government through the COR a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the manufacturer's performing of the factory tests.

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- 2. When factory tests are successful, contractor shall furnish four (4) copies of the equipment manufacturer's certified test reports to the COR fourteen (14) days prior to shipment of the equipment, and not more than ninety (90) days after completion of the factory tests.
- 3. When factory tests are not successful, factory tests shall be repeated in the factory by the equipment manufacturer and witnessed by the Contractor. The Contractor shall be liable for all additional expenses for the Government to witness factory re-testing.

## 1.7 VARIATIONS FROM CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

A. Where the Government or the Contractor requests variations from the contract requirements, the connecting work and related components shall include, but not be limited to additions or changes to branch circuits, circuit protective devices, conduits, wire, feeders, controls, panels and installation methods.

## 1.8 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT PROTECTION

- A. Materials and equipment shall be protected during shipment and storage against physical damage, vermin, dirt, corrosive substances, fumes, moisture, cold and rain.
  - 1. Store materials and equipment indoors in clean dry space with uniform temperature to prevent condensation.
  - 2. During installation, equipment shall be protected against entry of foreign matter, and be vacuum cleaned both inside and outside before testing and operating. Compressed air shall not be used to clean equipment. Remove loose packing and flammable materials from inside equipment.
  - 3. Damaged equipment shall be repaired or replaced, as determined by the COR.

- 4. Painted surfaces shall be protected with factory installed removable heavy kraft paper, sheet vinyl or equal.
- 5. Damaged paint on equipment shall be refinished with the same quality of paint and workmanship as used by the manufacturer so repaired areas are not obvious.

## 1.9 WORK PERFORMANCE

- A. All electrical work shall comply with requirements of the latest NFPA 70 (NEC), NFPA 70B, NFPA 70E, NFPA 99, NFPA 110, OSHA Part 1910 subpart J General Environmental Controls, OSHA Part 1910 subpart K Medical and First Aid, and OSHA Part 1910 subpart S Electrical, in addition to other references required by contract.
- B. Job site safety and worker safety is the responsibility of the Contractor.
- C. Electrical work shall be accomplished with all affected circuits or equipment de-energized. However, energized electrical work may be performed only for the non-destructive and non-invasive diagnostic testing(s), or when scheduled outage poses an imminent hazard to patient care, safety, or physical security. In such case, all aspects of energized electrical work, such as the availability of appropriate/correct personal protective equipment (PPE) and the use of PPE, shall comply with the latest NFPA 70E, as well as the following requirements:
  - Only Qualified Person(s) shall perform energized electrical work. Supervisor of Qualified Person(s) shall witness the work of its entirety to ensure compliance with safety requirements and approved work plan.
  - 2. At least two weeks before initiating any energized electrical work, the Contractor and the Qualified Person(s) who is designated to perform the work shall visually inspect, verify

and confirm that the work area and electrical equipment can safely accommodate the work involved.

- 3. At least two weeks before initiating any energized electrical work, the Contractor shall develop and submit a job specific work plan, and energized electrical work request to the COR, and Medical Center's Chief Engineer or his/her designee. At the minimum, the work plan must include relevant information such as proposed work schedule, area of work, description of work, name(s) of Supervisor and Qualified Person(s) performing the work, equipment to be used, procedures to be used on and near the live electrical equipment, barriers to be installed, safety equipment to be used, and exit pathways.
- 4. Energized electrical work shall begin only after the Contractor has obtained written approval of the work plan, and the energized electrical work request from the COR, and Medical Center's Chief Engineer or his/her designee. The Contractor shall make these approved documents present and available at the time and place of energized electrical work.
- 5. Energized electrical work shall begin only after the Contractor has invited and received acknowledgment from the COR, and Medical Center's Chief Engineer or his/her designee to witness the work.
- D. For work that affects existing electrical systems, arrange, phase and perform work to assure minimal interference with normal functioning of the facility. Refer to Article OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS under Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- E. New work shall be installed and connected to existing work neatly, safely and professionally. Disturbed or damaged work shall be replaced or repaired to its prior conditions, as required by Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

F. Coordinate location of equipment and conduit with other trades to minimize interference.

# 1.10 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

- A. Equipment location shall be as close as practical to locations shown on the drawings.
- B. Working clearances shall not be less than specified in the NEC.
- C. Inaccessible Equipment:
  - Where the Government determines that the Contractor has installed equipment not readily accessible for operation and maintenance, the equipment shall be removed and reinstalled as directed at no additional cost to the Government.
  - 2. "Readily accessible" is defined as being capable of being reached quickly for operation, maintenance, or inspections without the use of ladders, or without climbing or crawling under or over obstacles such as, but not limited to, motors, pumps, belt guards, transformers, piping, ductwork, conduit and raceways.

### 1.11 EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

- A. In addition to the requirements of the NEC, install an identification sign which clearly indicates information required for use and maintenance of items such as panelboards, cabinets, fused and non-fused safety switches, separately enclosed circuit breakers, control devices and other significant equipment.
- B. Identification signs for Normal Power System equipment shall be laminated black phenolic resin with a white core with engraved lettering. Identification signs for Essential Electrical System (EES) equipment, as defined in the NEC, shall be laminated red phenolic resin with a white core with engraved lettering. Lettering shall be a minimum of 12 mm (1/2 inch) high.

Identification signs shall indicate equipment designation, rated bus amperage, voltage, number of phases, number of wires, and type of EES power branch as applicable. Secure nameplates with screws.

- C. Install adhesive arc flash warning labels on all equipment as required by the latest NFPA 70E. Label shall show specific and correct information for specific equipment based on its arc flash calculations. Label shall show the followings:
  - 1. Nominal system voltage.
  - Equipment/bus name, date prepared, and manufacturer name and address.
  - 3. Arc flash boundary.
  - 4. Available arc flash incident energy and the corresponding working distance.
  - 5. Minimum arc rating of clothing.
  - 6. Site-specific level of PPE.

# 1.12 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit to the COR in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. The Government's approval shall be obtained for all materials and equipment before delivery to the job site. Delivery, storage or installation of materials and equipment which has not had prior approval will not be permitted.
- C. All submittals shall include six copies of adequate descriptive literature, catalog cuts, shop drawings, test reports, certifications, samples, and other data necessary for the Government to ascertain that the proposed materials and equipment comply with drawing and specification requirements. Catalog cuts

submitted for approval shall be legible and clearly identify specific materials and equipment being submitted.

- D. Submittals for individual systems and equipment assemblies which consist of more than one item or component shall be made for the system or assembly as a whole. Partial submittals will not be considered for approval.
  - 1. Mark the submittals, "SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 26 05 11 ".
  - 2. Submittals shall be marked to show specification reference including the section and paragraph numbers.
  - 3. Submit each section separately.
- E. The submittals shall include the following:
  - Information that confirms compliance with contract requirements. Include the manufacturer's name, model or catalog numbers, catalog information, technical data sheets, shop drawings, manuals, pictures, nameplate data, and test reports as required.
  - 2.Submittals are required for all equipment anchors and supports. Submittals shall include weights, dimensions, center of gravity, standard connections, manufacturer's recommendations and behavior problems (e.g., vibration, thermal expansion, etc.) associated with equipment or piping so that the proposed installation can be properly reviewed. Include sufficient fabrication information so that appropriate mounting and securing provisions may be designed and attached to the equipment.
  - 3. Elementary and interconnection wiring diagrams for communication and signal systems, control systems, and equipment assemblies. All terminal points and wiring shall be identified on wiring diagrams.

- 4. Parts list which shall include information for replacement parts and ordering instructions, as recommended by the equipment manufacturer.
- F. Maintenance and Operation Manuals:
  - Submit as required for systems and equipment specified in the technical sections. Furnish in hardcover binders or an approved equivalent.
  - 2. Inscribe the following identification on the cover: the words "MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION MANUAL," the name and location of the system, material, equipment, building, name of Contractor, and contract name and number. Include in the manual the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each subcontractor installing the system or equipment and the local representatives for the material or equipment.
  - 3. Provide a table of contents and assemble the manual to conform to the table of contents, with tab sheets placed before instructions covering the subject. The instructions shall be legible and easily read, with large sheets of drawings folded in.
  - 4. The manuals shall include:
    - a. Internal and interconnecting wiring and control diagrams with data to explain detailed operation and control of the equipment.
    - b. A control sequence describing start-up, operation, and shutdown.
    - c. Description of the function of each principal item of equipment.
    - d. Installation instructions.
    - e. Safety precautions for operation and maintenance.

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- f. Diagrams and illustrations.
- g. Periodic maintenance and testing procedures and frequencies, including replacement parts numbers.
- h. Performance data.
- i. Pictorial "exploded" parts list with part numbers. Emphasis shall be placed on the use of special tools and instruments. The list shall indicate sources of supply, recommended spare and replacement parts, and name of servicing organization.
- j. List of factory approved or qualified permanent servicing organizations for equipment repair and periodic testing and maintenance, including addresses and factory certification qualifications.
- G. Approvals will be based on complete submission of shop drawings, manuals, test reports, certifications, and samples as applicable.
- H. After approval and prior to installation, furnish the COR with one sample of each of the following:
  - A minimum 300 mm (12 inches) length of each type and size of wire and cable along with the tag from the coils or reels from which the sample was taken. The length of the sample shall be sufficient to show all markings provided by the manufacturer.
  - Each type of conduit coupling, bushing, and termination fitting.
  - 3. Conduit hangers, clamps, and supports.
  - 4. Duct sealing compound.
  - 5. Each type of receptacle, toggle switch, lighting control sensor, outlet box, manual motor starter, device wall plate, engraved nameplate, wire and cable splicing and terminating

material, and branch circuit single pole molded case circuit breaker.

## 1.13 SINGULAR NUMBER

A. Where any device or part of equipment is referred to in these specifications in the singular number (e.g., "the switch"), this reference shall be deemed to apply to as many such devices as are required to complete the installation as shown on the drawings.

#### 1.14 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. The Contractor shall furnish the instruments, materials, and labor for tests.
- B. Where systems are comprised of components specified in more than one section of Division 26, the Contractor shall coordinate the installation, testing, and adjustment of all components between various manufacturer's representatives and technicians so that a complete, functional, and operational system is delivered to the Government.
- C. When test results indicate any defects, the Contractor shall repair or replace the defective materials or equipment and repeat the tests for the equipment. Repair, replacement, and re-testing shall be accomplished at no additional cost to the Government.

# 1.15 WARRANTY

A. All work performed and all equipment and material furnished under this Division shall be free from defects and shall remain so for a period of one year from the date of acceptance of the entire installation by the Contracting Officer for the Government.

# 1.16 INSTRUCTION

A. Instruction to designated Government personnel shall be provided for the particular equipment or system as required in each associated technical specification section.

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- B. Furnish the services of competent and factory-trained instructors to give full instruction in the adjustment, operation, and maintenance of the specified equipment and system, including pertinent safety requirements. Instructors shall be thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the installation and shall be factory-trained in operating theory as well as practical operation and maintenance procedures.
- C. A training schedule shall be developed and submitted by the Contractor and approved by the COR at least 30 days prior to the planned training.
- PART 2 PRODUCTS (NOT USED)
- PART 3 EXECUTION (NOT USED)

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#### SECTION 26 05 19

#### LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES

# PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, connection, and testing of the electrical conductors and cables for use in electrical systems rated 600 V and below, indicated as cable(s), conductor(s), wire, or wiring in this section.

#### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 07 84 13, FIRESTOPPING: Sealing around penetrations to maintain the integrity of fire-resistant rated construction.
- B. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- C. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.
- D. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits for conductors and cables.
- E. Section 26 05 41, UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION: Installation of conductors and cables in manholes and ducts.

## **1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

## 1.4 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, 01 33 23 SHOP

Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES and the following requirements:

- 1. Shop Drawings:
  - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
  - b. Submit the following data for approval:
    - Electrical ratings and insulation type for each conductor and cable.
    - 2) Splicing materials and pulling lubricant.
- Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the conductors and cables conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
  - b. Certification by the Contractor that the conductors and cables have been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.

## 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are reference in the text by designation only.
- B. American Society of Testing Material (ASTM):

D2301-10 .....Standard Specification for Vinyl Chloride Plastic Pressure-Sensitive Electrical Insulating Tape

D2304-10 .....Test Method for Thermal Endurance of Rigid Electrical Insulating Materials

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#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 CONDUCTORS AND CABLES

- A. Conductors and cables shall be in accordance with ASTM, NEMA, NFPA, UL, as specified herein, and as shown on the drawings.
- B. All conductors shall be copper.

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- C. Single Conductor and Cable:
  - 1. No. 12 AWG: Minimum size, except where smaller sizes are specified herein or shown on the drawings.
  - 2. No. 8 AWG and larger: Stranded.
  - No. 10 AWG and smaller: Solid OR stranded; use stranded for final connection to motors, transformers, and vibrating equipment.
  - 4. Insulation: THHN-THWN and XHHW-2. XHHW-2 shall be used for isolated power systems.
- D. Color Code:
  - 1. No. 10 AWG and smaller: Solid color insulation or solid color coating.
  - 2. No. 8 AWG and larger: Color-coded using one of the following methods:
    - a. Solid color insulation or solid color coating.
    - b. Stripes, bands, or hash marks of color specified.
    - c. Color using 19 mm (0.75 inches) wide tape.
  - 4. For modifications and additions to existing wiring systems, color coding shall conform to the existing wiring system.
  - 5. Conductors shall be color-coded as follows:

208/120 V	Phase	480/277 V
Black	A	Brown
Red	В	Orange
Blue	С	Yellow
White	Neutral	Gray *

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- 6. Lighting circuit "switch legs", and 3-way and 4-way switch "traveling wires", shall have color coding that is unique and distinct (e.g., pink and purple) from the color coding indicated above. The unique color codes shall be solid and in accordance with the NEC. Coordinate color coding in the field with the COR.
- Color code for isolated power system wiring shall be in accordance with the NEC.

### 2.2 SPLICES

- A. Splices shall be in accordance with NEC and UL.
- B. Above Ground Splices for No. 10 AWG and Smaller:
  - Solderless, screw-on, reusable pressure cable type, with integral insulation, approved for copper and aluminum conductors.
  - 2. The integral insulator shall have a skirt to completely cover the stripped conductors.
  - 3. The number, size, and combination of conductors used with the connector, as listed on the manufacturer's packaging, shall be strictly followed.
- C. Above Ground Splices for No. 8 AWG to No. 4/0 AWG:
  - Compression, hex screw, or bolt clamp-type of high conductivity and corrosion-resistant material, listed for use with copper and aluminum conductors.
  - 2. Insulate with materials approved for the particular use, location, voltage, and temperature. Insulation level shall be

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- Splice and insulation shall be product of the same manufacturer.
- 4. All bolts, nuts, and washers used with splices shall be zinc plated steel.
- D. Above Ground Splices for 250 kcmil and Larger:
  - Long barrel "butt-splice" or "sleeve" type compression connectors, with minimum of two compression indents per wire, listed for use with copper and aluminum conductors.
  - Insulate with materials approved for the particular use, location, voltage, and temperature. Insulation level shall be not less than the insulation level of the conductors being joined.
  - 3. Splice and insulation shall be product of the same manufacturer.
- E. Plastic electrical insulating tape: Per ASTM D2304, flameretardant, cold and weather resistant.

### 2.3 CONNECTORS AND TERMINATIONS

- A. Mechanical type of high conductivity and corrosion-resistant material, listed for use with copper and aluminum conductors.
- B. Long barrel compression type of high conductivity and corrosion-resistant material, with minimum of two compression indents per wire, listed for use with copper and aluminum conductors.
- C. All bolts, nuts, and washers used to connect connections and terminations to bus bars or other termination points shall be zinc plated steel.

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## 2.4 CONTROL WIRING

- A. Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in these specifications, control wiring shall be as specified herein, except that the minimum size shall be not less than No. 14 AWG.
- B. Control wiring shall be sized such that the voltage drop under in-rush conditions does not adversely affect operation of the controls.

#### 2.5 WIRE LUBRICATING COMPOUND

- A. Lubricating compound shall be suitable for the wire insulation and conduit, and shall not harden or become adhesive.
- B. Shall not be used on conductors for isolated power systems.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 GENERAL

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Install all conductors in raceway systems.
- C. Splice conductors only in outlet boxes, junction boxes, or pullboxes.
- D. Conductors of different systems (e.g., 120 V and 277 V) shall not be installed in the same raceway.
- E. Install cable supports for all vertical feeders in accordance with the NEC. Provide split wedge type which firmly clamps each individual cable and tightens due to cable weight.
- F. In panelboards, cabinets, wireways, switches, enclosures, and equipment assemblies, neatly form, train, and tie the conductors with non-metallic ties.

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- G. For connections to motors, and vibrating equipment, stranded conductors shall be used only from the last fixed point of connection to the motors, or vibrating equipment.
- H. Use expanding foam or non-hardening duct-seal to seal conduits entering a building, after installation of conductors.
- I. Conductor and Cable Pulling:
  - Provide installation equipment that will prevent the cutting or abrasion of insulation during pulling. Use lubricants approved for the cable.
  - 2. Use nonmetallic pull ropes.
  - 3. Attach pull ropes by means of either woven basket grips or pulling eyes attached directly to the conductors.
  - All conductors in a single conduit shall be pulled simultaneously.
  - 5. Do not exceed manufacturer's recommended maximum pulling tensions and sidewall pressure values.
- J. No more than three branch circuits shall be installed in any one conduit.
- K. When stripping stranded conductors, use a tool that does not damage the conductor or remove conductor strands.

#### 3.2 SPLICE AND TERMINATION INSTALLATION

- A. Splices and terminations shall be mechanically and electrically secure, and tightened to manufacturer's published torque values using a torque screwdriver or wrench.
- B. Where the Government determines that unsatisfactory splices or terminations have been installed, replace the splices or terminations at no additional cost to the Government.

### 3.3 CONDUCTOR IDENTIFICATION

Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 26 05 19 - 8 of 11 LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES A. When using colored tape to identify phase, neutral, and ground conductors larger than No. 8 AWG, apply tape in half-overlapping turns for a minimum of 75 mm (3 inches) from terminal points, and in junction boxes and pullboxes. Apply the last two laps of tape with no tension to prevent possible unwinding. Where cable markings are covered by tape, apply tags to cable, stating size and insulation type.

#### 3.4 FEEDER CONDUCTOR IDENTIFICATION

A. In each interior pullbox install brass tags on all feeder conductors to clearly designate their circuit identification and voltage. The tags shall be the embossed type, 40 mm (1-1/2 inches) in diameter and 40 mils thick. Attach tags with plastic ties.

## 3.5 EXISTING CONDUCTORS

A. Unless specifically indicated on the plans, existing conductors shall not be reused.

#### 3.6 CONTROL WIRING INSTALLATION

- A. Unless otherwise specified in other sections, install control wiring and connect to equipment to perform the required functions as specified or as shown on the drawings. Each separate system shall have a dedicated power supply circuit.
- B. Install a separate power supply circuit for each system, except where otherwise shown on the drawings.

## 3.7 CONTROL WIRING IDENTIFICATION

- A. Install a permanent wire marker on each wire at each termination.
- B. Identifying numbers and letters on the wire markers shall correspond to those on the wiring diagrams used for installing the systems.

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- C. Wire markers shall retain their markings after cleaning.
- D. In each manhole and handhole, install embossed brass tags to identify the system served and function.

## 3.8 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Perform in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In addition, include the following:
  - 1. Visual Inspection and Tests: Inspect physical condition.
  - 2. Electrical tests:
    - a. After installation but before connection to utilization devices, such as fixtures, motors, or appliances, test conductors phase-to-phase and phase-to-ground resistance with an insulation resistance tester. Existing conductors to be reused shall also be tested.
    - b. Applied voltage shall be 500 V DC for 300 V rated cable, and 1000 V DC for 600 V rated cable. Apply test for one minute or until reading is constant for 15 seconds, whichever is longer. Minimum insulation resistance values shall not be less than 25 megohms for 300 V rated cable and 100 megohms for 600 V rated cable.
    - c. Perform phase rotation test on all three-phase circuits.

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# SECTION 26 05 26 GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

# PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, connection, and testing of grounding and bonding equipment, indicated as grounding equipment in this section.
- B. "Grounding electrode system" refers to grounding electrode conductors and all electrodes required or allowed by NEC, as well as made, supplementary, and lightning protection system grounding electrodes.
- C. The terms "connect" and "bond" are used interchangeably in this section and have the same meaning.

## 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Low-voltage conductors.
- C. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduit and boxes.
- D. Section 26 24 16, PANELBOARDS: Low-voltage panelboards.

# 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

# 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, 01 33 23 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Submit plans showing the location of system grounding electrodes and connections, and the routing of aboveground and underground grounding electrode conductors.
  - 2. Test Reports:
    - a. Two weeks prior to the final inspection, submit ground resistance field test reports to the COR.
  - 3. Certifications:
    - a. Certification by the Contractor that the grounding equipment has been properly installed and tested.

## 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

B1-13 .....Standard Specification for Hard-Drawn Copper Wire

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## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 GROUNDING AND BONDING CONDUCTORS

- A. Equipment grounding conductors shall be insulated stranded copper, except that sizes No. 10 AWG and smaller shall be solid copper. Insulation color shall be continuous green for all equipment grounding conductors, except that wire sizes No. 4 AWG and larger shall be identified per NEC.
- B. Bonding conductors shall be bare stranded copper, except that sizes No. 10 AWG and smaller shall be bare solid copper. Bonding

conductors shall be stranded for final connection to motors, transformers, and vibrating equipment.

- C. Conductor sizes shall not be less than shown on the drawings, or not less than required by the NEC, whichever is greater.
- D. Insulation: THHN-THWN and XHHW-2. XHHW-2 shall be used for isolated power systems.

### 2.2 GROUND RODS

- A. Steel or copper clad steel, 19 mm (0.75 inch) diameter by 3 M (10 feet) long.
- B. Quantity of rods shall be as shown on the drawings, and as required to obtain the specified ground resistance.

## 2.3 CONCRETE ENCASED ELECTRODE

A. Concrete encased electrode shall be No. 4 AWG bare copper wire, installed per NEC.

#### 2.4 GROUND CONNECTIONS

- A. Below Grade and Inaccessible Locations: Exothermic-welded type connectors.
- B. Above Grade:
  - Bonding Jumpers: Listed for use with aluminum and copper conductors. For wire sizes No. 8 AWG and larger, use compression-type connectors. For wire sizes smaller than No. 8 AWG, use mechanical type lugs. Connectors or lugs shall use zinc plated steel bolts, nuts, and washers. Bolts shall be torqued to the values recommended by the manufacturer.
  - Connection to Building Steel: Exothermic-welded type connectors.
  - 3. Connection to Grounding Bus Bars: Listed for use with aluminum and copper conductors. Use mechanical type lugs, with zinc

Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 05 26 - 4 of 10 (EHRM)Infrastructure Upgrades GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 plated steel bolts, nuts, and washers. Bolts shall be torqued to the values recommended by the manufacturer.

4. Connection to Equipment Rack and Cabinet Ground Bars: Listed for use with aluminum and copper conductors. Use mechanical type lugs, with zinc plated steel bolts, nuts, and washers. Bolts shall be torqued to the values recommended by the manufacturer.

### 2.5 EQUIPMENT RACK AND CABINET GROUND BARS

A. Provide solid copper ground bars designed for mounting on the framework of open or cabinet-enclosed equipment racks. Ground bars shall have minimum dimensions of 6.3 mm (0.25 inch) thick x 19 mm (0.75 inch) wide, with length as required or as shown on the drawings. Provide insulators and mounting brackets.

## 2.6 GROUND TERMINAL BLOCKS

A. At any equipment mounting location (e.g., backboards and hinged cover enclosures) where rack-type ground bars cannot be mounted, provide mechanical type lugs, with zinc plated steel bolts, nuts, and washers. Bolts shall be torqued to the values recommended by the manufacturer.

#### 2.7 GROUNDING BUS BAR

A. Pre-drilled rectangular copper bar with stand-off insulators, minimum 6.3 mm (0.25 inch) thick x 100 mm (4 inches) high in cross-section, length as shown on the drawings, with hole size, quantity, and spacing per detail shown on the drawings. Provide insulators and mounting brackets.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 GENERAL

A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and manufacturer's instructions.

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- B. System Grounding:
  - 1. Secondary service neutrals: Ground at the supply side of the secondary disconnecting means and at the related transformer.
  - 2. Separately derived systems (transformers downstream from the service entrance): Ground the secondary neutral.
- C. Equipment Grounding: Metallic piping, building structural steel, electrical enclosures, raceways, junction boxes, outlet boxes, cabinets, machine frames, and other conductive items in close proximity with electrical circuits, shall be bonded and grounded.
- D. For patient care area electrical power system grounding, conform to the latest NFPA 70 and 99.

#### 3.2 INACCESSIBLE GROUNDING CONNECTIONS

A. Make grounding connections, which are normally buried or otherwise inaccessible, by exothermic weld.

## 3.3 SECONDARY VOLTAGE EQUIPMENT AND CIRCUITS

- A. Metallic Piping, Building Structural Steel, and Supplemental Electrode(s):
  - Provide jumpers across insulating joints in the metallic piping.
  - 2. Provide a supplemental ground electrode as shown on the drawings and bond to the grounding electrode system.
- C. Panelboards, Engine Generators and other electrical equipment:
  - 1. Connect the equipment grounding conductors to the ground bus.
  - 2. Connect metallic conduits by grounding bushings and equipment grounding conductor to the equipment ground bus.

# 3.4 RACEWAY

A. Conduit Systems:

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- 1. Ground all metallic conduit systems. All metallic conduit systems shall contain an equipment grounding conductor.
- Non-metallic conduit systems, except non-metallic feeder conduits that carry a grounded conductor from exterior transformers to interior or building-mounted service entrance equipment, shall contain an equipment grounding conductor.
- 3. Metallic conduit that only contains a grounding conductor, and is provided for its mechanical protection, shall be bonded to that conductor at the entrance and exit from the conduit.
- 4. Metallic conduits which terminate without mechanical connection to an electrical equipment housing by means of locknut and bushings or adapters, shall be provided with grounding bushings. Connect bushings with a equipment grounding conductor to the equipment ground bus.
- B. Feeders and Branch Circuits: Install equipment grounding conductors with all feeders, and power and lighting branch circuits.
- C. Boxes, Cabinets, Enclosures, and Panelboards:
  - Bond the equipment grounding conductor to each pullbox, junction box, outlet box, device box, cabinets, and other enclosures through which the conductor passes (except for special grounding systems for intensive care units and other critical units shown).
  - 2. Provide lugs in each box and enclosure for equipment grounding conductor termination.
- D. Wireway Systems:
  - 1. Bond the metallic structures of wireway to provide electrical continuity throughout the wireway system, by connecting a No.

6 AWG bonding jumper at all intermediate metallic enclosures and across all section junctions.

- Install insulated No. 6 AWG bonding jumpers between the wireway system, bonded as required above, and the closest building ground at each end and approximately every 16 M (50 feet).
- 3. Use insulated No. 6 AWG bonding jumpers to ground or bond metallic wireway at each end for all intermediate metallic enclosures and across all section junctions.
- 4. Use insulated No. 6 AWG bonding jumpers to ground cable tray to column-mounted building ground plates (pads) at each end and approximately every 15 M (49 feet).
- E. Receptacles shall not be grounded through their mounting screws. Ground receptacles with a jumper from the receptacle green ground terminal to the device box ground screw and a jumper to the branch circuit equipment grounding conductor.
- F. Ground lighting fixtures to the equipment grounding conductor of the wiring system. Fixtures connected with flexible conduit shall have a green ground wire included with the power wires from the fixture through the flexible conduit to the first outlet box.
- G. Fixed electrical appliances and equipment shall be provided with a ground lug for termination of the equipment grounding conductor.
- H. Panelboard Bonding in Patient Care Areas: The equipment grounding terminal buses of the normal and essential branch circuit panel boards serving the same individual patient vicinity shall be bonded together with an insulated continuous copper conductor not less than No. 10 AWG, installed in rigid metal conduit.

# 3.5 CORROSION INHIBITORS

A. When making grounding and bonding connections, apply a corrosion inhibitor to all contact surfaces. Use corrosion inhibitor appropriate for protecting a connection between the metals used.

#### 3.6 CONDUCTIVE PIPING

A. Bond all conductive piping systems, interior and exterior, to the grounding electrode system. Bonding connections shall be made as close as practical to the equipment ground bus.

#### 3.7 GROUND RESISTANCE

- A. Grounding system resistance to ground shall not exceed 5 ohms. Make any modifications or additions to the grounding electrode system necessary for compliance without additional cost to the Government. Final tests shall ensure that this requirement is met.
- B. Grounding system resistance shall comply with the electric utility company ground resistance requirements.

### 3.8 GROUND ROD INSTALLATION

- A. For outdoor installations, drive each rod vertically in the earth, until top of rod is 610 mm (24 inches) below final grade.
- B. For indoor installations, leave 100 mm (4 inches) of each rod exposed.
- C. Where buried or permanently concealed ground connections are required, make the connections by the exothermic process, to form solid metal joints. Make accessible ground connections with mechanical pressure-type ground connectors.
- D. Where rock or impenetrable soil prevents the driving of vertical ground rods, install angled ground rods or grounding electrodes in horizontal trenches to achieve the specified ground resistance.

# 3.9 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Resistance of the grounding electrode system shall be measured using a four-terminal fall-of-potential method as defined in IEEE 82. Ground resistance measurements shall be made before the electrical distribution system is energized or connected to the electric utility company ground system and shall be made in normally dry conditions not fewer than 48 hours after the last rainfall.
- B. Resistance measurements of separate grounding electrode systems shall be made before the systems are bonded together. The combined resistance of separate systems may be used to meet the required resistance, but the specified number of electrodes must still be provided.
- C. Below-grade connections shall be visually inspected by the COR prior to backfilling. The Contractor shall notify the COR 24 hours before the connections are ready for inspection.

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# SECTION 26 05 33 RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

# PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of conduit, fittings, and boxes, to form complete, coordinated, grounded raceway systems. Raceways are required for all wiring unless shown or specified otherwise.
- B. Definitions: The term conduit, as used in this specification, shall mean any or all of the raceway types specified.

# 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING: Sealing around penetrations to maintain the integrity of fire rated construction.
- B. Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS: Sealing around conduit penetrations through the building envelope to prevent moisture migration into the building.
- C. Section 09 91 00, PAINTING: Identification and painting of conduit and other devices.
- D. Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS: Conduits bracing.
- E. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements and items that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- F. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.
- I. Section 26 05 41, UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION: Underground conduits.
- J. Section 31 20 00, EARTHWORK: Bedding of conduits.

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## **1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

A. Refer to paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS, in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit six copies of the following in accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS and 01 33 23 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Size and location of main feeders.
    - b. Size and location of panels and pull-boxes.
    - c. Layout of required conduit penetrations through structural elements.
    - d. Submit the following data for approval:
      - 1) Raceway types and sizes.
      - 2) Conduit bodies, connectors and fittings.
      - 3) Junction and pull boxes, types and sizes.
  - Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following:
    - a. Certification by the manufacturer that raceways, conduits, conduit bodies, connectors, fittings, junction and pull boxes, and all related equipment conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
    - b. Certification by the Contractor that raceways, conduits, conduit bodies, connectors, fittings, junction and pull boxes, and all related equipment have been properly installed.

#### **1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only. B. American National Standards Institute (ANSI): C80.1-05 .....Electrical Rigid Steel Conduit C80.3-05 .....Steel Electrical Metal Tubing C80.6-05 .....Electrical Intermediate Metal Conduit FB1-14 .....Fittings, Cast Metal Boxes and Conduit Bodies for Conduit, Electrical Metallic Tubing and Cable FB2.10-13 .....Selection and Installation Guidelines for Fittings for use with Non-Flexible Conduit or Tubing (Rigid Metal Conduit, Intermediate Metallic Conduit, and Electrical Metallic Tubing) TC-2-13 .....Electrical Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Tubing and Conduit TC-3-13 .....PVC Fittings for Use with Rigid PVC Conduit and Tubing C. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC) D. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL): 1-05 .....Flexible Metal Conduit 5-11 ..... Surface Metal Raceway and Fittings 6-07 .....Electrical Rigid Metal Conduit - Steel Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 05 33 - 3 of 18

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F. American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI):

S100-2007-52-10 .....North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 MATERIAL

- A. Conduit Size: In accordance with the NEC, but not less than 19 mm (0.75-inch) unless otherwise shown. Where permitted by the NEC, 13 mm (0.5-inch) flexible conduit may be used for tap connections to recessed lighting fixtures.
- B. Conduit:
  - Size: In accordance with the NEC, but not less than 19 mm (0.75-inch).
  - Rigid Steel Conduit (RMC): Shall conform to UL 6 and ANSI C80.1.
  - 3. Rigid Intermediate Steel Conduit (IMC): Shall conform to UL 1242 and ANSI C80.6.
  - 4. Electrical Metallic Tubing (EMT): Shall conform to UL 797 and ANSI C80.3. Maximum size not to exceed 105 mm (4 inches) and shall be permitted only with cable rated 600 V or less.
  - 5. Flexible Metal Conduit: Shall conform to UL 1.
  - Direct Burial Plastic Conduit: Shall conform to UL 651 and UL 651A, heavy wall PVC or high-density polyethylene (PE).
  - 9. Surface Metal Raceway: Shall conform to UL 1.
- C. Conduit Fittings:

1. Rigid Steel and Intermediate Metallic Conduit Fittings: Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 05 33 - 5 of 18 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702

- a. Fittings shall meet the requirements of UL 514B and NEMA FB1.
- b. Standard threaded couplings, locknuts, bushings, conduit bodies, and elbows: Only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable. Integral retractable type IMC couplings are also acceptable.
- c. Locknuts: Bonding type with sharp edges for digging into the metal wall of an enclosure.
- d. Bushings: Metallic insulating type, consisting of an insulating insert, molded or locked into the metallic body of the fitting. Bushings made entirely of metal or nonmetallic material are not permitted.
- e. Erickson (Union-Type) and Set Screw Type Couplings: Approved for use in concrete are permitted for use to complete a conduit run where conduit is installed in concrete. Use set screws of case-hardened steel with hex head and cup point to firmly seat in conduit wall for positive ground. Tightening of set screws with pliers is prohibited.
- f. Sealing Fittings: Threaded cast iron type. Use continuous drain-type sealing fittings to prevent passage of water vapor. In concealed work, install fittings in flush steel boxes with blank cover plates having the same finishes as that of other electrical plates in the room.
- 2. Electrical Metallic Tubing Fittings:
  - a. Fittings and conduit bodies shall meet the requirements of UL 514B, ANSI C80.3, and NEMA FB1.
  - b. Only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable.
  - c. Compression Couplings and Connectors: Concrete-tight and rain-tight, with connectors having insulated throats.

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- d. Indent-type connectors or couplings are prohibited.
- e. Die-cast or pressure-cast zinc-alloy fittings or fittings made of "pot metal" are prohibited.
- 3. Flexible Metal Conduit Fittings:
  - a. Conform to UL 514B. Only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable.
  - b. Clamp-type, with insulated throat.
- 4. Expansion and Deflection Couplings:
  - a. Conform to UL 467 and UL 514B.
  - b. Accommodate a 19 mm (0.75-inch) deflection, expansion, or contraction in any direction, and allow 30-degree angular deflections.
  - c. Include internal flexible metal braid, sized to guarantee conduit ground continuity and a low-impedance path for fault currents, in accordance with UL 467 and the NEC tables for equipment grounding conductors.
  - d. Jacket: Flexible, corrosion-resistant, watertight, moisture and heat-resistant molded rubber material with stainless steel jacket clamps.
- D. Conduit Supports:
  - 1. Parts and Hardware: Zinc-coat or provide equivalent corrosion protection.
  - Individual Conduit Hangers: Designed for the purpose, having a pre-assembled closure bolt and nut, and provisions for receiving a hanger rod.
  - 3. Multiple Conduit (Trapeze) Hangers: Not less than 38 mm x 38 mm (1.5 x 1.5 inches), 12-gauge steel, cold-formed, lipped

channels; with not less than 9 mm (0.375-inch) diameter steel hanger rods.

- 4. Solid Masonry and Concrete Anchors: Self-drilling expansion shields, or machine bolt expansion.
- E. Outlet, Junction, and Pull Boxes:
  - 1. Comply with UL-50 and UL-514A.
  - 2. Rustproof cast metal where required by the NEC or shown on drawings.
  - Sheet Metal Boxes: Galvanized steel, except where shown on drawings.
- F. Metal Wireways: Equip with hinged covers, except as shown on drawings. Include couplings, offsets, elbows, expansion joints, adapters, hold-down straps, end caps, and other fittings to match and mate with wireways as required for a complete system.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 PENETRATIONS

- A. Cutting or Holes:
  - Cut holes in advance where they should be placed in the structural elements, such as ribs or beams. Obtain the approval of the COR prior to drilling through structural elements.
  - 2. Cut holes through concrete and masonry in new and existing structures with a diamond core drill or concrete saw. Pneumatic hammers, impact electric, hand, or manual hammertype drills are not allowed, except when permitted by the COR where working space is limited.

- B. Firestop: Where conduits, wireways, and other electrical raceways pass through fire partitions, fire walls, smoke partitions, or rated floor assemblies, install a fire stop that provides an effective barrier against the spread of fire, smoke and gases as specified in Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- C. Waterproofing: At exterior wall and roof conduit penetrations, completely seal the gap around conduit to render it watertight, as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.

#### 3.2 INSTALLATION, GENERAL

- A. In accordance with UL, NEC, NEMA, as shown on drawings, and as specified herein.
- B. Raceway systems used for Essential Electrical Systems (EES) shall be entirely independent of other raceway systems.
- C. Install conduit as follows:
  - In complete mechanically and electrically continuous runs before pulling in cables or wires.
  - Unless otherwise indicated on the drawings or specified herein, installation of all conduits shall be concealed within finished walls, floors, and ceilings.
  - Flattened, dented, or deformed conduit is not permitted.
     Remove and replace the damaged conduits with new conduits.
  - 4. Assure conduit installation does not encroach into the ceiling height head room, walkways, or doorways.
  - 5. Cut conduits square, ream, remove burrs, and draw up tight.
  - Independently support conduit at 2.4 M (8 feet) on centers with specified materials and as shown on drawings.
  - Do not use suspended ceilings, suspended ceiling supporting members, lighting fixtures, other conduits, cable tray, boxes,

piping, or ducts to support conduits and conduit runs. Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 05 33 - 9 of 18 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702

- Support within 300 mm (12 inches) of changes of direction, and within 300 mm (12 inches) of each enclosure to which connected.
- Close ends of empty conduits with plugs or caps at the rough-in stage until wires are pulled in, to prevent entry of debris.
- Conduit installations under fume and vent hoods are prohibited.
- 11. Secure conduits to cabinets, junction boxes, pull-boxes, and outlet boxes with bonding type locknuts. For rigid steel and IMC conduit installations, provide a locknut on the inside of the enclosure, made up wrench tight. Do not make conduit connections to junction box covers.
- 12. Flashing of penetrations of the roof membrane is specified in Section 07 60 00, FLASHING AND SHEET METAL and Section 07 92 00 JOINT SEALANTS.
- 13. Conduit bodies shall only be used for changes in direction and shall not contain splices.
- D. Conduit Bends:
  - 1. Make bends with standard conduit bending machines.
  - 2. Conduit hickey or hand bender may be used for slight offsets and for straightening stubbed out conduits.
  - 3. Bending of conduits with a pipe tee or vise is prohibited.
- E. Layout and Homeruns:
  - Install conduit with wiring, including homeruns, as shown on drawings.
  - 2. Deviations: Make only where necessary to avoid interferences and only after drawings showing the proposed deviations have been submitted and approved by the COR.

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#### 3.3 CONCEALED WORK INSTALLATION

- A. In Concrete:
  - Conduit: Rigid steel, IMC, or EMT. Do not install EMT in concrete slabs that are in contact with soil, gravel, or vapor barriers.
  - 2. Align and run conduit in direct lines.
  - 3. Install conduit through concrete beams only:
    - a. Where shown on the structural drawings.
    - b. As approved by the COR prior to construction, and after submittal of drawing showing location, size, and position of each penetration.
  - Installation of conduit in concrete that is less than 75 mm (3 inches) thick is prohibited.
    - a. Conduit outside diameter larger than one-third of the slab thickness is prohibited.
    - b. Space between conduits in slabs: Approximately six conduit diameters apart, and one conduit diameter at conduit crossings.
    - c. Install conduits approximately in the center of the slab so that there will be a minimum of 19 mm (0.75-inch) of concrete around the conduits.
  - 5. Make couplings and connections watertight. Use thread compounds that are UL approved conductive type to ensure low resistance ground continuity through the conduits. Tightening setscrews with pliers is prohibited.
- B. Above Furred or Suspended Ceilings and in Walls:
  - Conduit for Conductors Above 600 V: Rigid steel. Mixing different types of conduits in the same system is prohibited.

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- Conduit for Conductors 600 V and Below: Rigid steel, IMC or EMT. Mixing different types of conduits in the same system is prohibited.
- 3. Align and run conduit parallel or perpendicular to the building lines.
- 4. Tightening set screws with pliers is prohibited.
- 5. For conduits running through metal studs, limit field cut holes to no more than 70% of web depth. Spacing between holes shall be at least 457 mm (18 inches). Cuts or notches in flanges or return lips shall not be permitted.

# 3.4 EXPOSED WORK INSTALLATION

- A. Unless otherwise indicated on drawings, exposed conduit is only permitted in mechanical and electrical rooms.
- B. Conduit for Conductors Above 600 V: Rigid steel. Mixing different types of conduits in the system is prohibited.
- C. Conduit for Conductors 600 V and Below: Rigid steel, IMC or EMT. Mixing different types of conduits in the system is prohibited.
- D. Align and run conduit parallel or perpendicular to the building lines.
- E. Install horizontal runs close to the ceiling or beams and secure with conduit straps.
- F. Support horizontal or vertical runs at not over 2.4 M (8 feet) intervals.
- G. Surface Metal Raceways: Use only where shown on drawings.
- H. Painting:
  - Paint exposed conduit as specified in Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 05 33 - 12 of 18 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 2. Paint all conduits containing cables rated over 600 V safety orange. Refer to Section 09 91 00, PAINTING for preparation, paint type, and exact color. In addition, paint legends, using 50 mm (2 inch) high black numerals and letters, showing the cable voltage rating. Provide legends where conduits pass through walls and floors and at maximum 6 M (20 feet) intervals in between.

## 3.5 DIRECT BURIAL INSTALLATION

Refer to Section 26 05 41, UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION.

## 3.6 HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS

- A. Use rigid steel conduit only.
- B. Install UL approved sealing fittings that prevent passage of explosive vapors in hazardous areas equipped with explosion-proof lighting fixtures, switches, and receptacles, as required by the NEC.

## 3.7 WET OR DAMP LOCATIONS

- A. Use rigid steel or IMC conduits unless as shown on drawings.
- B. Provide sealing fittings to prevent passage of water vapor where conduits pass from warm to cold locations, i.e., refrigerated spaces, constant-temperature rooms, air-conditioned spaces, building exterior walls, roofs, or similar spaces.
- C. Use rigid steel or IMC conduit within 1.5 M (5 feet) of the exterior and below concrete building slabs in contact with soil, gravel, or vapor barriers, unless as shown on drawings. Conduit shall be half-lapped with 10 mil PVC tape before installation. After installation, completely recoat or retape any damaged areas of coating.
- D. Conduits run on roof shall be supported with integral galvanized lipped steel channel, attached to UV-inhibited polycarbonate or polypropylene blocks every 2.4 M (8 feet) with 9 mm (3/8-inch)

Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 05 33 - 13 of 18 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 galvanized threaded rods, square washer and locknut. Conduits shall be attached to steel channel with conduit clamps.

## 3.8 MOTORS AND VIBRATING EQUIPMENT

- A. Use flexible metal conduit for connections to motors and other electrical equipment subject to movement, vibration, misalignment, cramped quarters, or noise transmission.
- B. Use liquid-tight flexible metal conduit for installation in exterior locations, moisture or humidity laden atmosphere, corrosive atmosphere, water or spray wash-down operations, inside airstream of HVAC units, and locations subject to seepage or dripping of oil, grease, or water.
- C. Provide a green equipment grounding conductor with flexible and liquid-tight flexible metal conduit.

### 3.9 EXPANSION JOINTS

- A. Conduits 75 mm (3 inch) and larger that are secured to the building structure on opposite sides of a building expansion joint require expansion and deflection couplings. Install the couplings in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Provide conduits smaller than 75 mm (3 inch) with junction boxes on both sides of the expansion joint. Connect flexible metal conduits to junction boxes with sufficient slack to produce a 125 mm (5 inch) vertical drop midway between the ends of the flexible metal conduit. Flexible metal conduit shall have a green insulated copper bonding jumper installed. In lieu of this flexible metal conduit, expansion and deflection couplings as specified above are acceptable.
- C. Install expansion and deflection couplings where shown.
- D. Seismic: Provide conduits rigidly secured to the building structure on opposite sides of a building expansion joint with junction boxes on both sides of the joint. Connect conduits to

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# 3.10 CONDUIT SUPPORTS

- A. Safe working load shall not exceed one-quarter of proof test load of fastening devices.
- B. Use pipe straps or individual conduit hangers for supporting individual conduits.
- C. Support multiple conduit runs with trapeze hangers. Use trapeze hangers that are designed to support a load equal to or greater than the sum of the weights of the conduits, wires, hanger itself, and an additional 90 kg (200 lbs). Attach each conduit with U-bolts or other approved fasteners.
- D. Support conduit independently of junction boxes, pull-boxes, fixtures, suspended ceiling T-bars, angle supports, and similar items.
- E. Fasteners and Supports in Solid Masonry and Concrete:
  - New Construction: Use steel or malleable iron concrete inserts set in place prior to placing the concrete.
  - 2. Existing Construction:
    - a. Steel expansion anchors not less than 6 mm (0.25-inch) bolt size and not less than 28 mm (1.125 inch) in embedment.
    - b. Power set fasteners not less than 6 mm (0.25-inch) diameter with depth of penetration not less than 75 mm (3 inch).
    - c. Use vibration and shock-resistant anchors and fasteners for attaching to concrete ceilings.
- F. Hollow Masonry: Toggle bolts.
- G. Bolts supported only by plaster or gypsum wallboard are not acceptable.

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- H. Metal Structures: Use machine screw fasteners or other devices specifically designed and approved for the application.
- I. Attachment by wood plugs, rawl plug, plastic, lead or soft metal anchors, or wood blocking and bolts supported only by plaster is prohibited.
- J. Chain, wire, or perforated strap shall not be used to support or fasten conduit.
- K. Spring steel type supports or fasteners are prohibited for all uses except horizontal and vertical supports/fasteners within walls.
- L. Vertical Supports: Vertical conduit runs shall have riser clamps and supports in accordance with the NEC and as shown. Provide supports for cable and wire with fittings that include internal wedges and retaining collars.

## 3.11 BOX INSTALLATION

- A. Boxes for Concealed Conduits:
  - 1. Flush-mounted.
  - 2. Provide raised covers for boxes to suit the wall or ceiling, construction, and finish.
- B. In addition to boxes shown, install additional boxes where needed to prevent damage to cables and wires during pulling-in operations or where more than the equivalent of 4-90 degree bends are necessary.
- C. Locate pullboxes so that covers are accessible and easily removed. Coordinate locations with piping and ductwork where installed above ceilings.
- D. Remove only knockouts as required. Plug unused openings. Use threaded plugs for cast metal boxes and snap-in metal covers for sheet metal boxes.

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- E. Outlet boxes mounted back-to-back in the same wall are prohibited. A minimum 600 mm (24 inch) center-to-center lateral spacing shall be maintained between boxes.
- F. Flush-mounted wall or ceiling boxes shall be installed with raised covers so that the front face of raised cover is flush with the wall. Surface-mounted wall or ceiling boxes shall be installed with surface-style flat or raised covers.
- G. Minimum size of outlet boxes for ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacles is 100 mm (4 inches) square x 55 mm (2.125 inches) deep, with device covers for the wall material and thickness involved.
- H. Stencil or install phenolic nameplates on covers of the boxes identified on riser diagrams; for example "SIG-FA JB No. 1."
- I. On all branch circuit junction box covers, identify the circuits with black marker.

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# SECTION 26 05 41 UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION

### PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of underground ducts and raceways, and precast manholes and pullboxes to form a complete underground electrical raceway system.
- B. The terms "duct" and "conduit" are used interchangeably in this section.

# 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS: Sealing of conduit penetrations.
- B. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- C. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.
- D. Section 31 22 00, EARTHWORK.

## 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. Coordinate layout and installation of ducts, manholes, and pullboxes with final arrangement of other utilities, site grading, and surface features.

## 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.

- b. Submit information on manholes, pullboxes, ducts, and hardware. Submit manhole plan and elevation drawings, showing openings, pulling irons, cable supports, cover, ladder, sump, and other accessories.
- c. Proposed deviations from the drawings shall be clearly marked on the submittals. If it is necessary to locate manholes, pullboxes, or duct banks at locations other than shown on the drawings, show the proposed locations accurately on scaled site drawings, and submit to the COR for approval prior to construction.
- Certifications: Two weeks prior to the final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the materials conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
  - b. Certification by the Contractor that the materials have been properly installed, connected, and tested.

# 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. American Concrete Institute (ACI): Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete 318-14/318M-14 .....Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete & Commentary

SP-66-04 .....ACI Detailing Manual

C. American National Standards Institute (ANSI):

77-14 ..... Underground Enclosure Integrity

D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM): C478 REV A-15 .....Standard Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections

HOT SPRINGS VA MEDICAL CENTER 100% FINAL SOLUTION HOT SPRINGS, SD 02/23/2022 C858-10 .....Underground Precast Concrete Utility Structures C990-09 .....Joints for Concrete Pipe, Manholes and Precast Box Sections Using Preformed Flexible Joint Sealants. E. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA): TC 2-13 .....Electrical Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Conduit TC 3-15 .....Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Fittings for Use With Rigid PVC Conduit And Tubing TC 6 & 8-13 .....Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Plastic Utilities Duct For Underground Installations TC 9-04 .....Fittings For Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Plastic Utilities Duct For Underground Installation F. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC) 70E-21 .....National Electrical Safety Code G. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL): 6-07 .....Electrical Rigid Metal Conduit-Steel 467-13 ..... Grounding and Bonding Equipment 651-11 .....Schedule 40, 80, Type EB and A Rigid PVC Conduit and Fittings 651A-11 .....Schedule 40 and 80 High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Conduit PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 PRE-CAST CONCRETE MANHOLES AND HARDWARE

- A. Structure: Factory-fabricated, reinforced-concrete, monolithically-poured walls and bottom. Frame and cover shall form top of manhole.
- B. Cable Supports:
  - 1. Cable stanchions shall be hot-rolled, heavy duty, hot-dipped
    galvanized "T" section steel, 56 mm (2.25 inches) x 6 mm (0.25

inch) in size, and punched with 14 holes on 38 mm (1.5 inches) centers for attaching cable arms.

- 2. Cable arms shall be 5 mm (0.1875 inch) gauge, hot-rolled, hot-dipped galvanized sheet steel, pressed to channel shape. Arms shall be approximately 63 mm (2.5 inches) wide x 350 mm (14 inches) long.
- 3. Insulators for cable supports shall be porcelain, and shall be saddle type or type that completely encircles the cable.
- 4. Equip each cable stanchion with one spare cable arm, with three spare insulators for future use.
- C. Ladder: Aluminum with 400 mm (16 inches) rung spacing. Provide securely-mounted ladder for every manhole over 1.2 M (4 feet) deep.
- D. Ground Rod Sleeve: Provide a 75 mm (3 inches) PVC sleeve in manhole floors so that a driven ground rod may be installed.
- E. Sump: Provide 305 mm x 305 mm (12 inches x 12 inches) covered sump frame and grated cover.

# 2.2 PULLBOXES

A. General: Size as indicated on the drawings. Provide pullboxes with weatherproof, non-skid covers with recessed hook eyes, secured with corrosion- and tamper-resistant hardware. Cover material shall be identical to pullbox material. Covers shall have molded lettering, ELECTRIC or SIGNAL as applicable. Pullboxes shall comply with the requirements of ANSI 77 Tier 5, Tier 8, Tier 15 and Tier 22 loading as required for locations. Provide pulling irons, 22 mm (0.875 inch) diameter galvanized steel bar with exposed triangular-shaped opening.

## 2.3 DUCTS

- A. Number and sizes shall be as shown on the drawings.
- B. Ducts (concrete-encased):
  - 1. Plastic Duct:
    - a. UL 651 and 651A Schedule 40 PVC conduit.

- b. Duct shall be suitable for use with 90  $^\circ$  C (194  $^\circ$  F) rated conductors.
- 2. Conduit Spacers: Prefabricated plastic.
- C. Ducts (direct-burial):
  - 1. Plastic duct:
    - a. Schedule 80 PVC or HDPE conduit.
    - b. Duct shall be suitable for use with 75  $^\circ$  C (167  $^\circ$  F) rated conductors.
  - Rigid metal conduit: UL 6 and NEMA RN1 galvanized rigid metal, half-lap wrapped with 10 mil PVC tape.

# 2.4 GROUNDING

A. Ground Rods and Ground Wire: Per Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

## 2.5 WARNING TAPE

A. 4-mil polyethylene 75 mm (3 inches) wide detectable tape, red with black letters, imprinted with "CAUTION - BURIED ELECTRIC CABLE BELOW" or similar.

# 2.6 PULL ROPE FOR SPARE DUCTS

A. Plastic with 890 N (200 lb) minimum tensile strength.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 MANHOLE AND PULLBOX INSTALLATION

- A. Assembly and installation shall be per the requirements of the manufacturer.
  - 1. Install manholes and pullboxes level and plumb.
  - 2. Units shall be installed on a 300 mm (12 inches) thick level bed of 90% compacted granular fill, well-graded from the 25 mm (1 inch) sieve to the No. 4 sieve. Granular fill shall be compacted with a minimum of four passes with a plate compactor.
- B. Access: Ensure the top of frames and covers are flush with finished grade.
- C. Grounding in Manholes:

- Ground Rods in Manholes: Drive a ground rod into the earth, through the floor sleeve, after the manhole is set in place. Fill the sleeve with sealant to make a watertight seal. Rods shall protrude approximately 100 mm (4 inches) above the manhole floor.
- Install a No. 3/0 AWG bare copper ring grounding conductor around the inside perimeter of the manhole and anchor to the walls with metallic cable clips.
- 3. Connect the ring grounding conductor to the ground rod by an exothermic welding process.
- 4. Bond the ring grounding conductor to the duct bank equipment grounding conductors, the exposed non-current carrying metal parts of racks, sump covers, and like items in the manholes with a minimum No. 6 AWG bare copper jumper using an exothermic welding process.

## 3.2 TRENCHING

- A. Refer to Section 31 22 00, EARTHWORK for trenching, backfilling, and compaction.
- B. Before performing trenching work at existing facilities, a Ground Penetrating Radar Survey shall be carefully performed by a certified technician to reveal all existing underground ducts, conduits, cables, and other utility systems.
- C. Work with extreme care near existing ducts, conduits, and other utilities to avoid damaging them.
- D. Cut the trenches neatly and uniformly.
- E. For Concrete-Encased Ducts:
  - After excavation of the trench, stakes shall be driven in the bottom of the trench at 1.2 M (4 feet) intervals to establish the grade and route of the duct bank.
  - Pitch the trenches uniformly toward manholes or both ways from high points between manholes for the required duct line drainage. Avoid pitching the ducts toward buildings wherever possible.

- 3. The walls of the trench may be used to form the side walls of the duct bank, provided that the soil is self-supporting and that the concrete envelope can be poured without soil inclusions. Forms are required where the soil is not self-supporting.
- After the concrete-encased duct has sufficiently cured, the trench shall be backfilled to grade with earth, and appropriate warning tape installed.
- F. Individual conduits to be installed under existing paved areas and roads that cannot be disturbed shall be jacked into place using rigid metal conduit, or bored using plastic utilities duct or PVC conduit, as approved by the COR.

# 3.3 DUCT INSTALLATION

- A. General Requirements:
  - 1. Ducts shall be in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and as specified.
  - Join and terminate ducts with fittings recommended by the manufacturer.
  - 3. Slope ducts to drain towards manholes and pullboxes, and away from building and equipment entrances. Pitch not less than 100 mm (4 inches) in 30 M (100 feet).
  - 4. Underground conduit stub-ups and sweeps to equipment inside of buildings shall be galvanized rigid metal conduit half-lap wrapped with PVC tape, and shall extend a minimum of 1.5 M (5 feet) outside the building foundation. Tops of conduits below building slab shall be minimum 610 mm (24 inches) below bottom of slab.
  - 5. Stub-ups and sweeps to equipment mounted on outdoor concrete slabs shall be galvanized rigid metal conduit half-lap wrapped with PVC tape, and shall extend a minimum of 1.5 M (5 feet) away from the edge of slab.
  - 6. Install insulated grounding bushings on the conduit terminations.

- Radius for sweeps shall be sufficient to accomplish pulls without damage. Minimum radius shall be six times conduit diameter.
- 8. All multiple conduit runs shall have conduit spacers. Spacers shall securely support and maintain uniform spacing of the duct assembly a minimum of 75 mm (3 inches) above the bottom of the trench during the concrete pour. Spacer spacing shall not exceed 1.5 M (5 feet). Secure spacers to ducts and earth to prevent floating during concrete pour. Provide nonferrous tie wires to prevent displacement of the ducts during concrete pour. Tie wires shall not act as substitute for spacers.
- 9. Duct lines shall be installed no less than 300 mm (12 inches) from other utility systems, such as water, sewer, chilled water.
- 10. Clearances between individual ducts:
  - a. For similar services, not less than 75 mm (3 inches).
  - b. For power and signal services, not less than 150 mm (6
    inches).
- 11. Duct lines shall terminate at window openings in manhole walls as shown on the drawings. All ducts shall be fitted with end bells.
- 12. Couple the ducts with proper couplings. Stagger couplings in rows and layers to ensure maximum strength and rigidity of the duct bank.
- 13. Keep ducts clean of earth, sand, or gravel, and seal with tapered plugs upon completion of each portion of the work.
- 14. Spare Ducts: Where spare ducts are shown, they shall have a nylon pull rope installed. They shall be capped at each end and labeled as to location of the other end.
- 15. Duct Identification: Place continuous strip of warning tape approximately 300 mm (12 inches) above ducts before backfilling trenches. Warning tape shall be preprinted with proper identification.

- 16. Duct Sealing: Seal ducts, including spare ducts, at building entrances and at outdoor terminations for equipment, with a suitable non-hardening compound to prevent the entrance of foreign objects and material, moisture, and gases.
- 17. Use plastic ties to secure cables to insulators on cable arms. Use minimum two ties per cable per insulator.
- B. Concrete-Encased Ducts:
  - Install concrete-encased ducts for medium-voltage systems, low-voltage systems, and signal systems, unless otherwise shown on the drawings.
  - Duct banks shall be single or multiple duct assemblies encased in concrete. Ducts shall be uniform in size and material throughout the installation.
  - 3. Tops of concrete-encased ducts shall be:
    - a. Not less than 600 mm (24 inches) and not less than shown on the drawings, below finished grade.
    - b. Not less than 750 mm (30 inches) and not less than shown on the drawings, below roads and other paved surfaces.
    - c. Additional burial depth shall be required in order to accomplish NEC-required minimum bend radius of ducts.
    - d. Conduits crossing under grade slab construction joints shall be installed a minimum of 1.2 M (4 feet) below slab.
  - Extend the concrete envelope encasing the ducts not less than
     75 mm (3 inches) beyond the outside walls of the outer ducts.
  - 5. Within 3 M (10 feet) of building and manhole wall penetrations, install reinforcing steel bars at the top and bottom of each concrete envelope to provide protection against vertical shearing.
  - Install reinforcing steel bars at the top and bottom of each concrete envelope of all ducts underneath roadways and parking areas.
  - 7. Where new ducts and concrete envelopes are to be joined to existing manholes, pullboxes, ducts, and concrete envelopes,

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- Duct joints in concrete may be placed side by side horizontally, but shall be staggered at least 150 mm (6 inches) vertically.
- 9. Pour each run of concrete envelope between manholes or other terminations in one continuous pour. If more than one pour is necessary, terminate each pour in a vertical plane and install 19 mm (0.75 inch) reinforcing rod dowels extending 450 mm (18 inches) into concrete on both sides of joint near corners of envelope.
- 10. Pour concrete so that open spaces are uniformly filled. Do not agitate with power equipment unless approved by COR.
- D. Connections to Manholes: Ducts connecting to manholes shall be flared to have an enlarged cross-section to provide additional shear strength. Dimensions of the flared cross-section shall be larger than the corresponding manhole opening dimensions by no less than 300 mm (12 inches) in each direction. Perimeter of the duct bank opening in the manhole shall be flared toward the inside or keyed to provide a positive interlock between the duct and the wall of the manhole. Use vibrators when this portion of the encasement is poured to ensure a seal between the envelope and the wall of the structure.
- E. Connections to Existing Manholes: For duct connections to existing manholes, break the structure wall out to the dimensions required and preserve the steel in the structure wall. Cut steel and extend into the duct bank envelope. Chip the perimeter surface of the duct bank opening to form a key or flared surface, providing a positive connection with the duct bank envelope.
- F. Connections to Existing Ducts: Where connections to existing ducts are indicated, excavate around the ducts as necessary. Cut off the ducts and remove loose concrete from inside before installing new ducts. Provide a reinforced-concrete collar,

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poured monolithically with the new ducts, to take the shear at the joint of the duct banks.

G. Partially-Completed Ducts: During construction, wherever a construction joint is necessary in a duct bank, prevent debris such as mud and dirt from entering ducts by providing suitable plugs. Fit concrete envelope of a partially completed ducts with reinforcing steel extending a minimum of 600 mm (2 feet) back into the envelope and a minimum of 600 mm (2 feet) beyond the end of the envelope. Provide one No. 4 bar in each corner, 75 mm (3 inches) from the edge of the envelope. Secure corner bars with two No. 3 ties, spaced approximately 300 mm (12 inches) apart. Restrain reinforcing assembly from moving during pouring of concrete.

## 3.4 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Duct Testing and Cleaning:
  - Upon completion of the duct installation, a standard flexible mandrel shall be pulled through each duct to loosen particles of earth, sand, or foreign material left in the duct, and to test for out-of-round conditions.
  - 2. The mandrel shall be not less than 300 mm (12 inches) long, and shall have a diameter not less than 13 mm (0.5 inch) less than the inside diameter of the duct. A brush with stiff bristles shall then be pulled through each duct to remove the loosened particles. The diameter of the brush shall be the same as, or slightly larger than, the diameter of the duct.
  - 3. If testing reveals obstructions or out-of-round conditions, the Contractor shall replace affected section(s) of duct and retest to the satisfaction of the COR.
  - 4. Mandrel pulls shall be witnessed by the COR.

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# SECTION 26 05 73 OVERCURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICE COORDINATION STUDY

## PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies the overcurrent protective device coordination study, related calculations and analysis, indicated as the study in this section.
- B. A short-circuit and selective coordination study, and arc flash calculations and analysis shall be prepared for the electrical overcurrent devices to be installed under this project.
- C. The study shall present a well-coordinated time-current analysis of each overcurrent protective device from the individual device up to the utility source and the on-site generator sources.
- D Study is permitted by a licensed electrical engineering consultant paid by the general contractor or electrical contractor sub-contractor.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 24 16, PANELBOARDS: Low-voltage panelboards.

### **1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. The study shall be prepared by the equipment manufacturer and performed by the equipment manufacturer's licensed electrical engineer, unless as noted above.

### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, 01 33 23 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES and the following requirements:

- Product data on the software program to be used for the study. Software shall be in mainstream use in the industry, shall provide device settings and ratings, and shall show selective coordination by time-current drawings.
- Complete study as described in paragraph 1.6. Submittal of the study shall be well-coordinated with submittals of the shop drawings for equipment in related specification sections.
- 3. Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the Contractor that the overcurrent protective devices have been set in accordance with the approved study.

# 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE): 241-90 .....Recommended Practice Electrical Systems in Commercial Buildings
  - 242-03 .....Recommended Practice for Protection and Coordination of Industrial and Commercial Power Systems
  - 399-97 .....Recommended Practice for Industrial and Commercial Power Systems Analysis
  - 1584-18 .....Performing Arc-Flash Hazards Calculations
  - 1584A-04 .....Performing Arc-Flash Hazards Calculations -Amendment 1
  - 1584B-11 .....Performing Arc-Flash Hazards Calculations Amendment 2
- C. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC)

70E-21 .....Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace

99-20 .....Health Care Facilities Code

# 1.6 STUDY REQUIREMENTS

- A. The study shall be in accordance with IEEE and NFPA standards.
- B. The study shall include one line diagram, short-circuit and ground fault analysis, protective coordination plots for all overcurrent protective devices, and arc flash calculations and analysis.
- C. One Line Diagram:
  - 1. Show all electrical equipment and wiring to be protected by the overcurrent devices.
  - 2. Show the following specific information:
    - a. Calculated fault impedance, X/R ratios, and short-circuit values at each feeder and branch circuit bus.
    - b. Relay, circuit breaker, and fuse ratings.
    - c. Generator kW/kVA and transformer kVA and voltage ratings, percent impedance, X/R ratios, and wiring connections.
    - d. Voltage at each bus.
    - e. Identification of each bus, matching the identification on the drawings.
    - f. Conduit, conductor, and busway material, size, length, and  $\ensuremath{\text{X/R}}$  ratios.
- D. Short-Circuit Study:
  - The study shall be performed using computer software designed for this purpose. Pertinent data and the rationale employed in developing the calculations shall be described in the introductory remarks of the study.
  - 2. Calculate the fault impedance to determine the available short-circuit and ground fault currents at each bus. Incorporate applicable motor and/or generator contribution in determining the momentary and interrupting ratings of the overcurrent protective devices.

- 3. Present the results of the short-circuit study in a table. Include the following:
  - a. Device identification.
  - b. Operating voltage.
  - c. Overcurrent protective device type and rating.
  - d. Calculated short-circuit current.
- E. Coordination Study:
  - Prepare the coordination curves to determine the required settings of overcurrent protective devices to demonstrate selective coordination. Graphically illustrate on log-log paper that adequate time separation exists between devices, including the utility company upstream device if applicable. Plot the specific time-current characteristics of each overcurrent protective device in such a manner that all devices are clearly depicted.
  - 2. The following specific information shall also be shown on the coordination curves:
    - a. Device identification.
    - b. Potential transformer and current transformer ratios.
    - c. Three-phase and single-phase ANSI damage points or curves for each cable, transformer, or generator.
    - d. Applicable circuit breaker or protective relay characteristic curves.
    - e. No-damage, melting, and clearing curves for fuses.
    - f. Transformer in-rush points.
  - 3. Develop a table to summarize the settings selected for the overcurrent protective devices. Include the following in the table:
    - a. Device identification.
    - b. Protective relay or circuit breaker potential and current transformer ratios, sensor rating, and available and suggested pickup and delay settings for each available trip characteristic.

c. Fuse rating and type.

- F. Arc Flash Calculations and Analysis:
  - 1. Arc flash warning labels shall comply with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
  - Arc flash calculations shall be based on actual over-current protective device clearing time. Maximum clearing time shall be in accordance with IEEE 1584.
  - 3. Arc flash analysis shall be based on the lowest clearing time setting of the over-current protective device to minimize the incident energy level without compromising selective coordination.
  - 4. Arc flash boundary and available arc flash incident energy at the corresponding working distance shall be calculated for all electrical power distribution equipment specified in the project, and as shown on the drawings.
  - 5. Required arc-rated clothing and other PPE shall be selected and specified in accordance with NFPA 70E.

# 1.7 ANALYSIS

A. Analyze the short-circuit calculations, and highlight any equipment determined to be underrated as specified. Propose solutions to effectively protect the underrated equipment.

## 1.8 ADJUSTMENTS, SETTINGS, AND MODIFICATIONS

A. Final field settings and minor modifications of the overcurrent protective devices shall be made to conform with the study, without additional cost to the Government.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS (NOT USED)

PART 3 - EXECUTION (NOT USED)

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COORDINATION STUDY

## SECTION 26 24 16 PANELBOARDS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of panelboards.

## 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 09 91 00, PAINTING: Painting of panelboards.
- B. Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS: Requirements for seismic restraint of non-structural components.
- C. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- D. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Low-voltage conductors.
- E. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.
- F. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits.
- G. Section 26 05 73, OVERCURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICE COORDINATION STUDY: Short circuit and coordination study, and requirements for a coordinated electrical system.
- H. Section 26 09 23, LIGHTING CONTROLS: Lighting controls integral to panelboards.
- I. Section 26 43 13, SURGE PROTECTIVE DEVICES: Surge protective devices integral to panelboards.

#### **1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:

1. Shop Drawings:

a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with

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- b. Include electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details, materials, required clearances, terminations, weight, circuit breakers, wiring and connection diagrams, accessories, and nameplate data.
- c. Certification from the manufacturer that a representative panelboard has been seismically tested to International Building Code requirements. Certification shall be based upon simulated seismic forces on a shake table or by analytical methods, but not by experience data or other methods.
- 2.Manuals:
  - a. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, complete maintenance and operating manuals including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering circuit breakers and replacement parts.
    - Include schematic diagrams, with all terminals identified, matching terminal identification in the panelboards.
    - Include information for testing, repair, troubleshooting, assembly, and disassembly.
  - b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.
- 3. Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the panelboards conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
  - b. Certification by the Contractor that the panelboards have been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.

#### **1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. International Code Council (ICC): IBC-21 .....International Building Code
- C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA): PB 1-11 .....Panelboards

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250-14 ..... Enclosures for Electrical Equipment (1,000V

Maximum)

D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC)

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70E-21 .....Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace
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E. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

50-15 ..... Enclosures for Electrical Equipment

67-09 .....Panelboards

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489-16 ......Molded Case Circuit Breakers and Circuit
Breaker Enclosures
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## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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- A. Panelboards shall be in accordance with NEC, NEMA, UL, as specified, and as shown on the drawings.
- B. Panelboards shall have main breaker or main lugs, bus size, voltage, phases, number of circuit breaker mounting spaces, top or bottom feed, flush or surface mounting, branch circuit breakers, and accessories as shown on the drawings.
- C. Panelboards shall be completely factory-assembled with molded case circuit breakers and integral accessories as shown on the drawings or specified herein.
- D. Non-reduced size copper bus bars, rigidly supported on molded insulators, and fabricated for bolt-on type circuit breakers.
- E. Bus bar connections to the branch circuit breakers shall be the "distributed phase" or "phase sequence" type.
- F. Mechanical lugs furnished with panelboards shall be cast, stamped, or machined metal alloys listed for use with the conductors to which they will be connected.
- G. Neutral bus shall be 200% rated, mounted on insulated supports.
- H. Grounding bus bar shall be equipped with screws or lugs for the connection of equipment grounding conductors.
- I. Bus bars shall be braced for the available short-circuit current as shown on the drawings, but not be less than 10,000 A symmetrical for 120/208 V and 120/240 V panelboards, and 14,000 A symmetrical for 277/480 V panelboards.
- J. In two-section panelboards, the main bus in each section shall be full size. The first section shall be furnished with subfeed lugs on the Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 24 16 - 3 of 7 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PANELBOARDS Hot Springs VA Medical Center

line side of main lugs only, or through-feed lugs for main breaker type panelboards, and have field-installed cable connections to the second section as shown on the drawings. Panelboard sections with tapped bus or crossover bus are not acceptable.

K. Series-rated panelboards are not permitted.

## 2.2 ENCLOSURES AND TRIMS

- A. Enclosures:
  - Provide galvanized steel enclosures, with NEMA rating as shown on the drawings or as required for the environmental conditions in which installed.
  - 2. Enclosures shall not have ventilating openings.
  - 3. Enclosures may be of one-piece formed steel or of formed sheet steel with end and side panels welded, riveted, or bolted as required.
  - 4. Provide manufacturer's standard option for prepunched knockouts on top and bottom endwalls.
  - 5. Include removable inner dead front cover, independent of the panelboard cover.
- B. Trims:
  - 1. Hinged "door-in-door" type.
  - Interior hinged door with hand-operated latch or latches, as required to provide access only to circuit breaker operating handles, not to energized parts.
  - Outer hinged door shall be securely mounted to the panelboard enclosure with factory bolts, screws, clips, or other fasteners, requiring a key or tool for entry. Hand-operated latches are not acceptable.
  - 4. Inner and outer doors shall open left to right.
  - 5. Trims shall be flush or surface type as shown on the drawings.

## 2.3 MOLDED CASE CIRCUIT BREAKERS

- A. Circuit breakers shall be per UL, NEC, as shown on the drawings, and as specified.
- B. Circuit breakers shall be bolt-on type.
- C. Circuit breakers shall have minimum interrupting rating as required to withstand the available fault current, but not less than:
  - 1. 120/208 V Panelboard: 10,000 A symmetrical.
  - 2. 120/240 V Panelboard: 10,000 A symmetrical.
  - 3. 277/480 V Panelboard: 14,000 A symmetrical.

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- D. Circuit breakers shall have automatic, trip free, non-adjustable, inverse time, and instantaneous magnetic trips for less than 400 A frame. Circuit breakers with 400 A frames and above shall have magnetic trip, adjustable from 5x to 10x. Breaker trip setting shall be set in the field, based on the approved protective device study as specified in Section 26 05 73 - OVERCURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICE COORDINATION STUDY, as applicable.
- E. Circuit breaker features shall be as follows:
  - 1. A rugged, integral housing of molded insulating material.
  - 2. Silver alloy contacts.
  - 3. Arc quenchers and phase barriers for each pole.
  - 4. Quick-make, quick-break, operating mechanisms.
  - A trip element for each pole, thermal magnetic type with long time delay and instantaneous characteristics, a common trip bar for all poles and a single operator.
  - 6. Electrically and mechanically trip free.
  - An operating handle which indicates closed, tripped, and open positions.
  - An overload on one pole of a multi-pole breaker shall automatically cause all the poles of the breaker to open.
  - 9. Ground fault current interrupting breakers, shunt trip breakers, lighting control breakers (including accessories to switch line currents), or other accessory devices or functions shall be provided where shown on the drawings.
  - 10. For circuit breakers being added to existing panelboards, coordinate the breaker type with existing panelboards. Modify the panel directory accordingly.

#### 2.4 SURGE PROTECTIVE DEVICES

A. Where shown on the drawings, furnish panelboards with integral surge protective devices. Refer to Section 26 43 13, SURGE PROTECTIVE DEVICES.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 INSTALLATION

- B. Installation shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and as specified.
- C. Locate panelboards so that the present and future conduits can be conveniently connected.

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- D. In seismic areas, panelboards shall be adequately anchored and braced per details on structural contract drawings to withstand the seismic forces at the location where installed.
- E. Install a printed schedule of circuits in each panelboard after approval by the COR. Schedules shall reflect final load descriptions, room numbers, and room names connected to each circuit breaker. Schedules shall be printed on the panelboard directory cards and be installed in the appropriate panelboards
- F. Mount panelboards such that the maximum height of the top circuit breaker above the finished floor shall not exceed 1980 mm (78 inches).
- G. Provide blank cover for each unused circuit breaker mounting space.
- H. For panelboards located in areas accessible to the public, paint the exposed surfaces of the trims with finishes to match surrounding surfaces after the panelboards have been installed. Do not paint nameplates.
- I. Rust and scale shall be removed from the inside of existing enclosures where new interior components are to be installed. Paint inside of enclosures with rust-preventive paint before the new interior components are installed. Provide new trim. Trim shall fit tight to the enclosure.
- J. Panelboard enclosures shall not be used for conductors feeding through, spliced, or tapping off to other enclosures or devices.

### 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Perform in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In addition, include the following:
  - 1. Visual Inspection and Tests:
    - a. Compare equipment nameplate data with specifications and approved shop drawings.
    - b. Inspect physical, electrical, and mechanical condition.
    - c. Verify appropriate anchorage and required area clearances.
    - d. Verify that circuit breaker sizes and types correspond to approved shop drawings.
    - e. To verify tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections, use the calibrated torque-wrench method or perform thermographic survey after energization.
    - f. Vacuum-clean enclosure interior. Clean enclosure exterior.

## 3.3 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION

A. Upon completion of acceptance checks, settings, and tests, the Contractor shall demonstrate that the panelboards are in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function.

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## SECTION 26 25 11 BUSWAYS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, connection, and testing of busways for use in electrical systems rated 600 V and below.

## 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS: Requirement for seismic restraint for nonstructural components.
- B. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- C. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path to ground for possible ground fault currents.
- D. Section 26 24 16, PANELBOARDS: Circuit breakers for use in plug-in busway.
- E. Section 26 29 21, ENCLOSED SWITCHES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS: Switches and fuses for use in plug-in busway.

## 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Submit the following data for approval:
      - Electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details and position, mounting method, vertical supports, materials, fire stops, and weatherproofing.
      - 2) Detailed coordinated connections to equipment terminations such as switchgear, switchboards, and transformers.

- 3) Coordination Drawings: Submit floor plans and sections, drawn to scale. Include bus assembly layouts and relationships between components and adjacent structural, mechanical, and electrical elements. Indicate vertical and horizontal enclosed busway runs, offsets, transitions, and clearances for access above and to the side of enclosed busways. Indicate vertical elevation of busway above the floor or bottom of structure. Indicate support locations, type of support, and weight on each support.
- c. Certification from the manufacturer that representative busway has been seismically tested to International Building Code requirements. Certification shall be based upon simulated seismic forces on a shake table or by analytical methods, but not by experience data or other methods.
- 2. Manuals:
  - a. Submit complete maintenance and operating manuals including technical data sheets, and information for ordering replacement parts.
    - Include information for testing, repair, troubleshooting, assembly, and disassembly.
  - b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.
- Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the busway conforms to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
  - b. Certification by the Contractor that the busway has been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.

### **1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplement and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. International Code Council (ICC):
   IBC-21 .....International Building Code

C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):

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BU 1.1-10 .....General Instructions for Handling,

Installation, Operation and Maintenance of

Busway Rated 600 Volts or Less

BU 1.2-13 .....Application Information for Busway Rated 600

Volts or Less

- D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC)
- E. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL):

857-09 .....Busways

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 MATERIAL

- A. Busway shall be in accordance with NEMA and UL.
- B. Busway shall be rated as shown on the drawings.
- C. Busway shall have the following features:
  - For indoor locations; plug-in type, totally enclosed and moisture resistant.
  - Short circuit current rating shall not be less than 42,000 A, or as required to withstand the available fault current shown on the drawings, whichever is higher.
  - 3. 3-phase, 4-wire, with 200% neutral, except where 3-phase, 3-wire is shown on the drawings.
  - 4. Internal 50%-rated ground bus bar. Busway housing is not allowed to serve as the equipment grounding conductor.
  - 5. All bus bars, phase, neutral, and ground, for each busway shall be within a single housing.
  - 6. Bus Bars:
    - a. Shall be full round edge rectangular copper of sufficient crosssection to provide full current rating without exceeding a temperature rise of 55° C above a 40° C ambient.
    - b. Interconnection joints shall be tin or silver plated, with steel bolts, nuts, and Belleville washers.
    - c. Shall be completely insulated with flame-retardant, trackresistant, self-extinguishing insulation.
  - 7. Housings:
    - a. Shall be steel or aluminum, with continuous mounting rails.
    - b. Shall be thoroughly cleaned and painted at the factory with primer and the manufacturer's standard finish.

- c. Shall have rustproof metal hardware.
- d. Provide external flanges and weatherproofing at busway entrances to buildings.
- e. Install expansion fittings in the busway runs in compliance with the manufacturer's standard recommendations.
- f. The temperature rise at any point on the housing shall not exceed 30° C above an ambient temperature of 40° C.
- 8. Busway shall not be reduced in size at any point.
- 9. Provide manufacturer's fittings and accessories, including but not limited to elbows, tees, tap boxes, transformer taps, end boxes, expansion fittings, offsets, adapters, hangers, and mounting hardware.
- D. Dimensions and Configuration:
  - 1. Configure within the space designated for busway installation.
  - 2. Coordinate busway routing with equipment installation by other trades to avoid conflicts.
  - Make final field measurements and check them with the busway coordination drawings prior to authorization of fabrication of the busways.

### 2.2 PLUG-IN TYPE BUSWAY

- A. Plug-in busway shall be available in standard trade lengths, with plugin openings provided on both sides of the busway sections. Plug-in covers shall prohibit dirt and debris from entering contact plug-in openings in the busway. The contact surfaces for bus plug stabs shall be tin- or silver-plated and of the same material, thickness, and rating as the phase bars. A standard housing ground connection shall be supplied in each plug-in opening.
- B. Plug-in units of the types and ratings indicated on the drawings and specifications shall be supplied. Plug-in units shall be mechanically interlocked with the busway housing to prevent their installation or removal while the switch is in the "ON" position. The enclosure of any plug-in unit shall make positive ground connection to the duct housing before the stabs make contact with the bus bars. All plug-in units shall be equipped with an interlock that can be defeated to prevent the cover from being opened while the plug-in unit is in the "ON" position, and to prevent accidental closing while the cover is open. The plug-in units shall be provided with a means for padlocking. The operating Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 25 11 - 4 of 6 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades BUSWAYS Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702

handle and mechanism shall remain in control of the plug-in unit at all times, permitting easy operation by means of a hook stick or chain. All plug-in units shall be interchangeable without alteration or modification of plug-in busway.

- C. Fusible-type plug-in units shall have a quick-make/quick-break disconnect switch and positive pressure fuse clips. Provide fuses as specified in Section 26 29 21, ENCLOSED SWITCHES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS, and as shown on the drawings.
- D. Circuit breaker-type plug-in units shall have an interrupting rating as shown on the drawings. All circuit breaker plug-in devices shall be of the same manufacturer as the busway. Circuit breakers shall be as specified in Section 26 24 16, PANELBOARDS.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Support busways as required by the NEC and as required by manufacturer's shop drawings.
- C. In seismic areas, busway shall be adequately anchored and braced per details on structural contract drawings to withstand the seismic forces at the location where installed.
- D. Coordinate all of the busway terminations to equipment to ensure proper phasing.
- E. Tighten bolted connections with a torque wrench to values as required by the manufacturer.
- F. Install expansion fittings at locations where busways cross building expansion joints. Install at other locations so distance between expansion fittings does not exceed manufacturer's recommended distance between fittings.

#### 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Perform manufacturer's required field tests in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In addition, include the following:
  - 1. Visual Inspection and Tests:
    - a. Compare equipment nameplate data with specifications and approved shop drawings.
    - b. Inspect physical, electrical, and mechanical condition.

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- c. Verify appropriate anchorage, required area clearances, and correct alignment.
- d. Verify tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method, or performing thermographic survey after energization.
- e. Verify appropriate equipment grounding.
- f. Examine outdoor busways for removal of weep-hole plugs, if applicable, and the correct installation of joint shield.
- 2. Electrical Tests:
  - After installation, test busway phase-to-phase and phase-toground resistance with an insulation resistance tester.
     Resulting values shall not be less than one megohm.

## 3.3 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION

- A. Upon completion of acceptance checks and tests, the Contractor shall show by demonstration in service that the busway is in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function.
- B. After the busways have been energized for a minimum of 30 days, repeat the torque wrench tightening of all bolt connections.

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# SECTION 26 27 26 WIRING DEVICES

# PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, connection, and testing of wiring devices.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Cables and wiring.
- C. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path to ground for possible ground fault currents.
- D. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduit and boxes.
- E. Section 26 51 00, INTERIOR LIGHTING: LED drivers for use with manual dimming controls.

### **1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

A. Refer to paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES), in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit six copies of the following in accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS and 01 33 23 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
  - 1. Shop Drawings:

- a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
- b. Include electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details, construction materials, grade, and termination information.
- 2. Manuals:
  - a. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, companion copies of complete maintenance and operating manuals, including technical data sheets and information for ordering replacement parts.
  - b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.
- 3. Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the wiring devices conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
  - b. Certification by the Contractor that the wiring devices have been properly installed and adjusted.

# 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by basic designation only.
- B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC)

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C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):

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WD 1-10 .....General Color Requirements for Wiring Devices
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WD 6-12 .....Wiring Devices - Dimensional Specifications

D. Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

5-11 .....Surface Metal Raceways and Fittings

20-10 .....General-Use Snap Switches

231-08 .....Power Outlets

467-13 .....Grounding and Bonding Equipment

498-12 .....Attachment Plugs and Receptacles

943-15 .....Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupters

1449-14 .....Surge Protective Devices

1472-15 .....Solid State Dimming Controls

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 RECEPTACLES

- A. General: All receptacles shall comply with NEMA, NFPA, UL, and as shown on the drawings.
  - Mounting straps shall be nickel plated brass, brass, nickel plated steel or galvanize steel with break-off plaster ears and shall include a self-grounding feature. Terminal screws shall be brass, brass plated or a copper alloy metal.
  - Receptacles shall have provisions for back wiring with separate metal clamp type terminals (four minimum) and side wiring from four captively held binding screws.

- B. Duplex Receptacles Hospital-grade: shall be listed for hospital grade, single phase, 20 ampere, 120 volts, 2-pole, 3-wire, NEMA 5-20R, with break-off feature for two-circuit operation.
  - 1. Bodies shall be white in color.
  - Switched duplex receptacles shall be wired so that only the top receptacle is switched. The lower receptacle shall be unswitched.
  - 3. Duplex Receptacles on Emergency Circuit:
    - a. In rooms without emergency powered general lighting, the emergency receptacles shall be of the self-illuminated type.
  - 4. Ground Fault Current Interrupter (GFCI) Duplex Receptacles: Shall be an integral unit, hospital-grade, suitable for mounting in a standard outlet box, with end-of-life indication and provisions to isolate the face due to improper wiring. GFCI receptacles shall be self-test receptacles in accordance with UL 943.
    - a. Ground fault interrupter shall consist of a differential current transformer, self-test, solid state sensing circuitry and a circuit interrupter switch. Device shall have nominal sensitivity to ground leakage current of 4-6 milliamperes and shall function to interrupt the current supply for any value of ground leakage current above five milliamperes (+ or - 1 milliampere) on the load side of the device. Device shall have a minimum nominal tripping time of 0.025 second.
    - b. Self-test function shall be automatically initiated within
       5 seconds after power is activated to the receptacles.
       Self-test function shall be periodically and automatically
       performed every 3 hours or less.

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- c. End-of-life indicator light shall be a persistent flashing or blinking light to indicate that the GFCI receptacle is no longer in service.
- 5. Tamper-Resistant Duplex Receptacles:
  - a. Bodies shall be gray in color.
    - Shall permit current to flow only while a standard plug is in the proper position in the receptacle.
    - Screws exposed while the wall plates are in place shall be the tamperproof type.
- C. Duplex Receptacles Non-hospital Grade: shall be the same as duplex receptacles - hospital grade in accordance with sections 2.1A and 2.1B of this specification, except for the hospital grade listing.

a. Bodies shall be brown nylon.

- D. Receptacles 20, 30, and 50 ampere, 250 Volts: Shall be complete with appropriate cord grip plug.
- E. Weatherproof Receptacles: Shall consist of a duplex receptacle, mounted in box with a gasketed, weatherproof, cast metal cover plate and cap over each receptacle opening. The cap shall be permanently attached to the cover plate by a spring-hinged flap. The weatherproof integrity shall not be affected when heavy duty specification or hospital grade attachment plug caps are inserted. Cover plates on outlet boxes mounted flush in the wall shall be gasketed to the wall in a watertight manner.
- F. Surge Protective (TVSS) Receptacles shall have integral surge suppression in line to ground, line to neutral, and neutral to ground modes.

- TVSS Components: Multiple metal-oxide variators; with a nominal clamp-level rating of 400 Volts, and minimum single transient pulse energy dissipation of 210 Joules.
- 2. Active TVSS Indication: LED, visible in face of device to indicate device is active or no longer in service.

# 2.2 TOGGLE SWITCHES

- A. Toggle switches shall be totally enclosed tumbler type with nylon bodies. Handles shall be white in color unless otherwise specified or shown on the drawings.
  - 1. Switches installed in hazardous areas shall be explosion-proof type in accordance with the NEC and as shown on the drawings.
  - 2. Shall be single unit toggle, butt contact, quiet AC type, heavy-duty general-purpose use with an integral self-grounding mounting strap with break-off plasters ears and provisions for back wiring with separate metal wiring clamps and side wiring with captively held binding screws.
  - 3. Switches shall be rated 20 amperes at 120-277 Volts AC.

# 2.3 MANUAL DIMMING CONTROL

- A. Electronic full-wave manual slide dimmer with on/off switch and audible frequency and EMI/RFI suppression filters.
- B. Manual dimming controls shall be fully compatible with LED dimming driver and be approved by the driver manufacturer, shall operate over full specified dimming range.
- C. Provide single-pole, three-way or four-way, as shown on the drawings.
- D. Manual dimming control and faceplates shall be white in color unless otherwise specified.

## 2.4 WALL PLATES

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- A. Wall plates for switches and receptacles shall be type smooth nylon. Oversize plates are not acceptable.
- B.Color shall be white unless otherwise specified.
- C. For receptacles or switches mounted adjacent to each other, wall plates shall be common for each group of receptacles or switches.
- D. In areas requiring tamperproof wiring devices, wall plates shall be type 302 stainless steel, and shall have tamperproof screws and beveled edges.
- E. Duplex Receptacles on Emergency Circuit: Wall plates shall be red nylon with the word "EMERGENCY" engraved in 6 mm (1/4 inch) white letters.

### 2.5 SURFACE MULTIPLE-OUTLET ASSEMBLIES

- A. Shall have the following features:
  - 1. Enclosures:
    - a. Thickness of steel shall be not less than 1 mm (0.040 inch) for base and cover. Nominal dimensions shall be 40 mm x 70 mm (1-1/2 inches by 2-3/4 inches) with inside cross sectional area not less than 2250 square mm (3-1/2 square inches). The enclosures shall be thoroughly cleaned, phosphatized, and painted at the factory with primer and the manufacturer's standard baked enamel finish.
  - 2. Receptacles shall be duplex, hospital grade. See paragraph 'RECEPTACLES' in this Section. Device cover plates shall be the manufacturer's standard corrosion resistant finish and shall not exceed the dimensions of the enclosure.
  - 3. Unless otherwise shown on drawings, receptacle spacing shall be 600 mm (24 inches) on centers.

- 4. Conductors shall be as specified in Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLE.
- 5. Installation fittings shall be the manufacturer's standard bends, offsets, device brackets, inside couplings, wire clips, elbows, and other components as required for a complete system.
- 6. Bond the assemblies to the branch circuit conduit system.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC and as shown as on the drawings.
- B. Install wiring devices after wall construction and painting is complete.
- C. The ground terminal of each wiring device shall be bonded to the outlet box with an approved green bonding jumper, and also connected to the branch circuit equipment grounding conductor.
- D. Outlet boxes for toggle switches and manual dimming controls shall be mounted on the strike side of doors.
- E. Provide barriers in multi-gang outlet boxes to comply with the NEC.
- F. Coordinate the electrical work with the work of other trades to ensure that wiring device flush outlets are positioned with box openings aligned with the face of the surrounding finish material. Pay special attention to installations in cabinet work, and in connection with laboratory equipment.
- G. Exact field locations of floors, walls, partitions, doors, windows, and equipment may vary from locations shown on the drawings. Prior to locating sleeves, boxes and chases for

roughing-in of conduit and equipment, the Contractor shall coordinate exact field location of the above items with other trades.

- H. Install wall switches 1.2 M (48 inches) above floor, with the toggle OFF position down.
- I. Install wall dimmers 1.2 M (48 inches) above floor.
- J. Install receptacles 450 mm (18 inches) above floor, and 152 mm (6 inches) above counter backsplash or workbenches. Install specific-use receptacles at heights shown on the drawings.
- K. Install horizontally mounted receptacles with the ground pin to the right.
- L. When required or recommended by the manufacturer, use a torque screwdriver. Tighten unused terminal screws.
- M. Label device plates with a permanent adhesive label listing panel and circuit feeding the wiring device.

# 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Perform manufacturer's required field checks in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and the latest NFPA 99. In addition, include the following:
  - 1. Visual Inspection and Tests:
    - a. Inspect physical and electrical conditions.
    - b. Vacuum-clean surface metal raceway interior. Clean metal raceway exterior.
    - c. Test wiring devices for damaged conductors, high circuit resistance, poor connections, inadequate fault current path, defective devices, or similar problems using a portable receptacle tester. Correct circuit conditions,

remove malfunctioning units and replace with new, and retest as specified above.

d. Test GFCI receptacles.

 Receptacle testing in the Patient Care Spaces, such as retention force of the grounding blade of each receptacle, shall comply with the latest NFPA 99.

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## SECTION 26 32 13 ENGINE GENERATORS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, connection, and testing of the low-voltage engine generators.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Low-voltage conductors.
- C. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.
- D. Section 23 05 41, NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT: Requirements for pipe and equipment support and noise control.
- E. Section 23 07 11, HVAC, PLUMBING, AND BOILER PLANT INSULATION: Requirements for hot piping and equipment insulation.
- F. Section 26 36 23, AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES: Requirements for automatic transfer switches for use with engine generators.

# 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. A factory-authorized representative shall be capable of providing emergency maintenance and repairs at the project site within 8 hours maximum of notification.

#### 1.4 FACTORY TESTS

- A. Factory Tests shall be required.
- B. Factory Tests shall be in accordance with Paragraph, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirement:
  - Load Test: Shall include two hours while the engine generator is delivering 100% of the specified kW, and four hours while the engine generator is delivering 80% of the specified kW. During this test, record the following data at 20-minute intervals:

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Time	Engine RPM	Oil Temperature Out
k₩	Water Temperature In	Fuel Pressure
Voltage	Water Temperature Out	Oil Pressure
Amperes	Oil Temperature In	Ambient Temperature

- Cold Start Test: Record time required for the engine generator to develop specified voltage, frequency, and kW load from a standstill condition with engine at ambient temperature.
- 3. The manufacturer shall furnish fuel, load banks, testing instruments, and all other equipment necessary to perform these tests.

## 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Scaled drawings, showing plan views, side views, elevations, and cross-sections.
    - c. Certification from the manufacturer that a representative engine generator has been seismically tested to International Building Code requirements. Certification shall be based upon simulated seismic forces on a shake table or by analytical methods, but not by experience data or other methods.
  - 2. Diagrams:
    - a. Control system diagrams, control sequence diagrams or tables, wiring diagrams, interconnections diagrams (between engine generators, automatic transfer switches, local control cubicles, and fuel storage tanks, as applicable), and other like items.
  - 3. Technical Data:
    - a. Published ratings, catalog cuts, pictures, and manufacturer's specifications for engine generator, governor, voltage regulator, radiator, muffler, dampers, day tank, pumps, fuel tank, batteries and charger, jacket heaters, torsional vibration, and control and supervisory equipment.

b. Description of operation. Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702

- c. Short-circuit current capacity and sub-transient reactance.
- d. Sound power level data.
- e. Vibration isolation system performance data from no-load to fullload. This must include seismic qualification of the engine generator mounting, base, and vibration isolation.
- 4. Calculations:
  - a. Calculated performance derations appropriate to installed environment.
- 5. Manuals:
  - a. When submitting the shop drawings, submit complete maintenance and operating manuals, to include the following:
    - 1) Technical data sheets.
    - 2) Wiring diagrams.
    - Include information for testing, repair, troubleshooting, and factory recommended periodic maintenance procedures and frequency.
    - Provide a replacement and spare parts list. Include a list of tools and instruments for testing and maintenance purposes.
  - b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.
- 6. Test Reports:
  - a. Submit certified factory test reports for approval.
  - b. Submit field test reports two weeks prior to the final inspection.
- 7. Certifications:
  - a. Prior to fabrication of the engine generator, submit the following for approval:
    - A certification in writing that an engine generator of the same model and configuration, with the same bore, stroke, number of cylinders, and equal or higher kW/kVA ratings as the proposed engine generator, has been operating satisfactorily with connected loads of not less than 75% of the specified kW/kVA rating, for not fewer than 2,000 hours without any failure of a crankshaft, camshaft, piston, valve, injector, or governor system.

- 2) A certification in writing that devices and circuits will be incorporated to protect the voltage regulator and other components of the engine generator during operation at speeds other than the rated RPM while performing maintenance. Submit thorough descriptions of any precautions necessary to protect the voltage regulator and other components of the system during operation of the engine generator at speeds other than the rated RPM.
- 3) A certification from the engine manufacturer stating that the engine exhaust emissions meet the applicable federal, state, and local regulations and restrictions. At a minimum, this certification shall include emission factors for criteria pollutants including nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, non-methane hydrocarbon, and hazardous air pollutants (HPAs).
- b. Prior to installation of the engine generator at the job site, submit certified factory test data.
- c. Two weeks prior to the final inspection, submit the following.
  - 1) Certification by the manufacturer that the engine generators conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
  - Certification by the Contractor that the engine generators have been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.

### 1.6 STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Engine generators shall withstand shipping and handling stresses in addition to the electrical and mechanical stresses which occur during operation of the system. Protect radiator core with wood sheet.
- B. Store the engine generators in a location approved by the COR.

### 1.7 JOB CONDITIONS

A. Job conditions shall conform to the arrangements and details shown on the drawings. The dimensions, enclosures, and arrangements of the engine generator system shall permit the operating personnel to safely and conveniently operate and maintain the system in the space designated for installation.

# 1.8 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS
A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only. B. American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM): A53/A53M-12.....Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black, and Hot-Dipped, Zinc Coated Welded and Seamless B88-16.....Specification for Seamless Copper Water Tube B88M-16.....Specification for Seamless Copper water Tube (Metric) D975-17.....Diesel Fuel Oils C. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE): C37.13-15.....Low Voltage AC Power Circuit Breakers Used In Enclosures C37.90.1-12.....Surge Withstand Capability (SWC) Tests for Relays and Relay Systems Associated with Electric Power Apparatus D. International Code Council (ICC): IBC-21.....International Building Code E. International Organization for Standardization (ISO): Alternate Current Generating Sets - Part 1: Application, Ratings and Performance F. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA): C38.50-12..... Low-Voltage AC Power Circuit Breakers Used In Enclosures - Test Procedure ICS 6-93(R2016)....Enclosures ICS 4-15.....Application Guideline for Terminal Blocks MG 1-16.....Motor and Generators MG 2-14.....Safety Standard and Guide for Selection, Installation and Use of Electric Motors and Generators Maximum) G. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 30-21.....Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code Electronic Health Records Modernization Page 5 of 23

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#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. The engine generator system shall be in accordance with ASTM, ISO, NEMA, NFPA, UL, as shown on the drawings, and as specified herein.
- B. Provide a factory-assembled, wired (except for field connections), complete, fully automatic engine generator system, as well as all associate equipment and devices intended for the operating, control, monitoring, and remote manual stop functions.
- C. Engine Generator Parameter Schedule:
  - 1. Power Rating: Emergency Standby
  - 2. Voltage: 120/208V
  - 3. Rated Power: 475kW continuous
  - 4. Power Factor: 0.8 lagging
  - 5. Engine Generator Application: stand-alone
  - 6. Fuel: diesel
  - 7. Voltage Regulation: + 2% (maximum) (No Load to Full Load) (standalone applications)

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- 8. Phases: 3 Phase, Wye
- 9. Each component of the engine generator system shall be capable of operating at 4,000 feet above sea level which will have average ambient air temperature ranging from a minimum of -40°C (-40°F) in winter to maximum of 45°C (113°F) in summer.
- D. Assemble, connect, and wire the engine generator at the factory so that only the external connections need to be made at the construction site.
- E. Engine Generator Unit shall be factory-painted with manufacturer's primer and standard finishes.
- F. Connections between components of the system shall conform to the recommendations of the manufacturer.
- G. Couplings, shafts, and other moving parts shall be enclosed and guarded. Guards shall be metal, ruggedly constructed, rigidly fastened, and readily removable for convenient servicing of the equipment without disassembling any pipes and fittings.
- H. Engine generator shall have the following features:
  - 1. Factory-mounted on a common, rigid, welded, structural steel base.
  - 2. Engine generator shall be statically and dynamically balanced so that the maximum vibration in the horizontal, vertical, and axial directions shall be limited to 0.15 mm (0.0059 inch), with an overall velocity limit of 24 mm/sec (0.866 inch per second) RMS, for all speeds.
  - 3. The isolators shall be constrained with restraints capable of withstanding static forces in any direction equal to twice the weight of the supported equipment.
  - 4. Shall be capable of operating satisfactorily as specified for not fewer than 10,000 hours between major overhauls.

#### 2.2 ENGINE

- A. The engine shall be coupled directly to a generator.
- B. Minimum four cylinders.
- C. The engine shall be able to start in a 4.5 °C (40 °F) ambient temperature while using No. 2 diesel fuel oil without the use of starting aids such as glow plugs and ether injections.
- D. The engine shall be equipped with electric heater for maintaining the coolant temperature between 32-38 °C (90-100 °F), or as recommended by the manufacturer.

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- 1. Install thermostatic controls, contactors, and circuit breakerprotected circuits for the heaters.
- 2. The heaters shall operate continuously except while the engine is operating or the water temperature is at the predetermined level.

## 2.3 GOVERNOR

- A. Isochronous, electronic type.
- B. Steady-state speed band at 60 Hz shall not exceed plus or minus 0.33%.

## 2.4 LUBRICATION OIL SYSTEM

- A. Pressurized type.
- B. Positive-displacement pump driven by engine crankshaft.
- C. Full-flow strainer and full-flow or by-pass filters.
- D. Filters shall be cleanable or replaceable type and shall remove particles as small as 3 microns without removing the additives in the oil. For bypass filters, flow shall be diverted without flow interruption.
- E. Extend lube oil sump drain line out through the skid base and terminate it with a drain valve and plug.

# 2.5 FUEL SYSTEM

- A. Shall comply with NFPA 37 and NFPA 30, and have the following features:
  - 1. Injection pump(s) and nozzles.
  - Plungers shall be carefully lapped for precision fit and shall not require any packing.
  - 3. Filters or screens that require periodic cleaning or replacement shall not be permitted in the injection system assemblies.
  - 4. Return surplus oil from the injectors to the main storage tank by gravity or a pump.
  - 5. Filter System:
    - a. Dual primary filters shall be located between the main fuel oil storage and day tank.
    - b. Secondary filters (engine-mounted) shall be located such that the oil will be thoroughly filtered before it reaches the injection system assemblies.
    - c. Filters shall be cleanable or replaceable type and shall entrap and remove water from oil as recommended by the engine manufacturer.
- B. Day Tank:
  - Each engine generator shall be provided with a welded steel separate self-supporting day tank with double-wall fuel containment.

- 2. Each day tank shall have capacity to supply fuel to the engine for a 1-hour period at 100% rated load without being refilled, including fuel that is returned to the main fuel storage tank. The calculation of the capacity of each day tank shall incorporate the requirement to stop the supply of fuel into the day tank at 90% of the ultimate volume of the tank.
- 3. Secure, pipe, and connect the tank adequately for maximum protection from fire hazards, including oil leaks.
- Incorporate a vent, drain cock, shutoff cocks, and gauge glass. Terminate the vent piping outdoors with mushroom vent cap.
- 5. Incorporate a float switch on the day tank to control the fuel oil transfer pump and to actuate an alarm in the engine generator control cubicle when the oil level in the tank drops below the level at which the transfer pump should start to refill the tank.
  - a. The float switch contacts controlling the fuel oil transfer pump shall be set to energize the pump when the liquid level in the tank reaches one-third of the total volume of the tank.
  - b. The float switch contacts that actuate the low fuel oil day tank alarm device shall be set to alarm and energize the second fuel transfer pump when the liquid level in the tank reaches one-quarter of the total volume of the tank.
- Day tank and engine supply line elevations shall be below the elevation of the injector return outlet on the engine.
- C. Piping System: Black steel standard weight ASTM A-53 pipe and necessary valves and pressure gauges between:
  - 1. The engine and the day tank as shown on the drawings.
  - The day tank and the supply and return connections at the underground storage tank as shown on the drawings. Connections at the engine shall be made with flexible piping suitable for the fuel furnished.

## 2.6 COOLING SYSTEM

- A. Liquid-cooled, closed loop, with fin-tube radiator mounted on the engine generator, and integral engine driven circulating pump.
- B. Cooling capacity shall not be less than the cooling requirements of the engine generator and its lubricating oil while operating continuously at 100% of its specified rating.

- C. Coolant shall be extended-life antifreeze solution, 50% ethylene glycol and 50% soft water, with corrosion inhibitor additive as recommended by the manufacturer.
- D. Fan shall be driven by multiple belts from engine shaft.
- E. Coolant hoses shall be flexible, per manufacturer's recommendation.
- F. Self-contained thermostatic-control valve shall modulate coolant flow to maintain optimum constant coolant temperature, as recommended by the engine manufacturer.
- G. Motor-Operated Dampers:
  - 1. Dampers, which are provided under Section 23 31 00, HVAC DUCTS AND CASINGS, shall be two-position, electric motor-operated.
  - Dampers shall open simultaneously with the starting of the diesel engine and shall close simultaneously with the stopping of the diesel engine.

## 2.7 AIR INTAKE AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS

- A. Air Intake:
  - Provide an engine-mounted air cleaner with replaceable dry filter and dirty filter indicator.
- B. Exhaust System:
  - 1. Exhaust Muffler:
    - a. Shall be critical grade type and capable of the following noise attenuation:

Octave Band Hertz (Mid Frequency)	Minimum db Attenuation (.0002 Microbar Reference)
31	5
63	10
125	27
500	37
1000	31
2000	26
4000	25
8000	26

 Pressure drop in the complete exhaust system shall be small enough for satisfactory operation of the engine generator while it is delivering 100% of its specified rating.

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- 3. Exhaust pipe size from the engine to the muffler shall be as recommended by the engine manufacturer. Pipe size from muffler to air discharge shall be two pipe sizes larger than engine exhaust pipe.
- Connections at the engine exhaust outlet shall be made with a flexible exhaust pipe. Provide bolted type pipe flanges welded to each end of the flexible section.
- C. Condensate drain at muffler shall be made with schedule 40 black steel pipe through a petcock.
- D. Exhaust Piping and Supports: Black steel pipe, ASTM A-53 standard weight with welded fittings. Spring type hangers, as specified in Section 23 05 41, NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL FOR HVAC PIPING AND EQUIPMENT, shall support the pipe.
- E. Insulation for Exhaust Pipe and Muffler:
  - 1. Calcium silicate minimum 75 mm (3 inches) thick.
  - Insulation shall be as specified in Section 23 07 11, HVAC, PLUMBING, AND BOILER PLANT INSULATION.
  - 3. The installed insulation shall be covered with aluminum jacket 0.4 mm (0.016 inch) thick. The jacket is to be held in place by bands of 0.38 mm (0.015 inch) thick by 15 mm (0.5 inch) wide aluminum.
  - 4. Insulation and jacket are not required on flexible exhaust sections.
- F. Roof Sleeves: Pipe sleeves (thimble) shall be Schedule 40 standard weight steel pipe. Flash exhaust pipe thimble through roof with 16 oz soft sheet copper, flanged, and made watertight under built-up roofing and extended up around pipe thimble. The exhaust pipe shall be positioned within the thimble by four 150 mm (6 inches) wide spiders welded to the exhaust pipe.
- G. Vertical exhaust piping shall be provided with a hinged, gravity-operated, self-closing rain cover.

#### 2.8 ENGINE STARTING SYSTEM

- A. The engine starting system shall start the engine at any position of the flywheel.
- B. Electric cranking motor:
  - 1. Shall be engine-mounted.
  - 2. Shall crank the engine via a gear drive.
  - 3. Rating shall be adequate for cranking the cold engine at the voltage provided by the battery system, and at the required RPM during five consecutive starting attempts of 10 seconds cranking each at 10-second

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intervals, for a total of 50 seconds of actual cranking without damage (the fifth starting attempt will be manually initiated upon failure of a complete engine cranking cycle).

- C. Batteries shall be lead-acid high discharge rate type.
  - 1. Each battery cell shall have minimum and maximum electrolyte level indicators and a flip-top flame arrestor vent cap.
  - Batteries shall have connector covers for protection against external short circuits.
  - With the charger disconnected, the batteries shall have sufficient capacity so that the total system voltage does not fall below 85% of the nominal system voltage with the following demands:
  - 3. Five consecutive starting attempts of 10 seconds cranking at 10 second intervals for a total of 50 seconds of actual cranking (the fifth starting attempt will be manually initiated upon failure of a complete engine cranking cycle).
  - 4. Battery racks shall be metal with an alkali-resistant finish and thermal insulation, and secured to the floor.
- D. Battery Charger:
  - A current-limiting battery charger, conforming to UL 1236, shall be provided and shall automatically recharge the batteries. The charger shall be capable of an equalize-charging rate for recharging fully depleted batteries within 24 hours and a floating charge rate for maintaining the batteries at fully charged condition.
  - 2. An ammeter shall be provided to indicate charging rate. A voltmeter shall be provided to indicate charging voltage.

## 2.9 LUBRICATING OIL HEATER

A. Provide a thermostatically-controlled electric heater to automatically maintain the oil temperature within plus or minus 1.7 °C (3 °F) of the control temperature.

#### 2.10 JACKET COOLANT HEATER

A. Provide a thermostatically-controlled electric heater mounted in the engine coolant jacketing to automatically maintain the coolant within plus or minus 1.7 °C (3 °F) of the temperature recommended by the engine manufacturer to meet the starting time specified at the minimum winter outdoor temperature.

## 2.11 GENRATOR

- A. Synchronous, amortisseur windings, bracket-bearing, self-venting, rotating-field type connected directly to the engine.
- B. Lifting lugs designed for convenient connection to and removal from the engine.
- C. Integral poles and spider, or individual poles dove-tailed to the spider.
- D. Designed for sustained short-circuit currents in conformance with NEMA Standards.
- E. Designed for sustained operation at 100% of the RPM specified for the engine generator without damage.
- F. Telephone influence factor shall conform to NEMA MG 1.
- G. Furnished with brushless excitation system or static-exciter-regulator assembly.
- H. Nameplates attached to the generator shall show the manufacturer's name, equipment identification, serial number, voltage ratings, field current ratings, kW/kVA output ratings, power factor rating, time rating, temperature rise ratings, RPM ratings, full load current rating, number of phases and frequency, and date of manufacture.
- I. The grounded (neutral) conductor shall be electrically isolated from equipment ground and terminated in the same junction box as the phase conductors.

# 2.12 GENERATOR OVERCURRENT AND FAULT PROTECTION

- A. Generator circuit breaker shall be molded-case, electronic-trip type, and 100% rated, complying with UL 489. Tripping characteristics shall be adjustable long-time and short-time delay and instantaneous. Provide shunt trip to trip breaker when engine generator is shut down by other protective devices.
- B. Integrate ground-fault indication with other engine generator alarm indications.
- C. Overcurrent protective device cubicle shall contain terminations for neutral and equipment grounding conductors as necessary.

## 2.13 CONTROLS

- A. Shall include Engine Generator Control Cubicle(s).
- B. General:
  - Control equipment shall be in accordance with UL 508, NEMA ICS-4, ICS-6, and ANSI C37.90.1.

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- 2. Panels shall be in accordance with UL 50.
- 3. Cubicles shall be in accordance with UL 891.
- 4. Coordinate controls with the automatic transfer switches shown on the drawings so that the systems will operate as specified.
- 5. Cubicles:
  - a. Code gauge steel: manufacturer's recommended heavy gauge steel with factory primer and light gray finish.
  - b. Doors shall be gasketed, attached with concealed or semi-concealed hinges, and shall have a permanent means of latching in closed position.
  - c. Panels shall be wall-mounted or incorporated in other equipment as indicated on the drawings or as specified.
  - d. Door locks for panels and cubicles shall be keyed identically to operate from a single key.
- 6. Wiring: Insulated, rated at 600 V.
  - a. Install the wiring in vertical and horizontal runs, neatly harnessed.
  - b. Terminate all external wiring at heavy duty, pressure-type, terminal blocks.
- 7. The equipment, wiring terminals, and wires shall be clearly and permanently labeled.
- 8. The appropriate wiring diagrams shall be laminated or mounted under plexiglass within the frame on the inside of the cubicles and panels.
- 9. All indicating lamps and switches shall be accessible and mounted on the cubicle doors.
- 10. The manufacturer shall coordinate the interconnection and programming of the generator controls with all related equipment, including automatic transfer switches and generator paralleling controls as applicable, specified in other sections.
- C. Engine generator Control Cubicle:
  - 1. Starting and Stopping Controls:
    - a. A three-position, maintained-contact type selector switch with positions marked "AUTOMATIC," "OFF," and "MANUAL." Provide flashing amber light for OFF and MANUAL positions.
    - b. A momentary contact push-button switch with positions marked "MANUAL START" and "MANUAL STOP."

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- c. Selector switch in AUTOMATIC position shall cause the engine to start automatically when a single pole contact in a remote device closes. When the generator's output voltage increases to not less than 90% of its rated voltage, and its frequency increases to not less than 58 Hz, the remote devices shall transfer the load to the generator. An adjustable time delay relay, in the 0 to 15 minute range, shall cause the engine generator to continue operating without any load after completion of the period of operation with load. Upon completion of the additional 0 to 15 minute (adjustable) period, the engine generator shall stop.
- d. Selector switch in OFF position shall prevent the engine from starting either automatically or manually. Selector switch in MANUAL position shall also cause the engine to start when the manual start push-button is depressed momentarily.
- e. With selector switch is in MANUAL position, depressing the MANUAL STOP push-button momentarily shall stop the engine after a cooldown period.
- f. A maintained-contact, red mushroom-head push-button switch marked "EMERGENCY STOP" will cause the engine to stop without a cool-down period, independent of the position of the selector switch.
- 2. Engine Cranking Controls:
  - a. The cranking cycles shall be controlled by a timer that will be independent of the battery voltage fluctuations.
  - b. The controls shall crank the engine through one complete cranking cycle, consisting of four starting attempts of 10 seconds each with 10 seconds between each attempt.
  - c. Total actual cranking time for the complete cranking cycle shall be40 seconds during a 70-second interval.
  - d. Cranking shall terminate when the engine starts so that the starting system will not be damaged. Termination of the cranking shall be controlled by self-contained, speed-sensitive switch. The switch shall prevent re-cranking of the engine until after the engine stops.
  - e. After the engine has stopped, the cranking control shall reset.
- 3. Supervisory Controls:
  - a. Overcrank:

- When the cranking control system completes one cranking cycle (four starting attempts), without starting the engine, the OVERCRANK signal light and the audible alarm shall be energized.
- The cranking control system shall lock-out, and shall require a manual reset.
- b. Coolant Temperature:
  - When the temperature rises to the predetermined first stage level, the HIGH COOLANT TEMPERATURE - FIRST STAGE signal light and the audible alarm shall be energized.
  - 2) When the temperature rises to the predetermined second stage level, which shall be low enough to prevent any damage to the engine and high enough to avoid unnecessary engine shutdowns, the HIGH COOLANT TEMPERATURE - SECOND STAGE signal light and the audible alarm shall be energized and the engine shall stop.
  - 3) The difference between the first and second stage temperature settings shall be approximately -12  $^\circ\text{C}$  (10  $^\circ\text{F}).$
  - Permanently indicate the temperature settings near the associated signal light.
  - 5) When the coolant temperature drops to below 21  $^{\circ}C$  (70  $^{\circ}F$ ), the "LOW COOLANT TEMPERATURE" signal light and the audible alarm shall be energized.
- c. Low Coolant Level: When the coolant level falls below the minimum level recommended by the manufacturer, the LOW COOLANT LEVEL signal light and audible alarm shall be energized.
- d. Lubricating Oil Pressure:
  - When the pressure falls to the predetermined first stage level, the OIL PRESSURE - FIRST STAGE signal light and the audible alarm shall be energized.
  - 2) When the pressure falls to the predetermined second stage level, which shall be high enough to prevent damage to the engine and low enough to avoid unnecessary engine shutdowns, the OIL PRESSURE - SECOND STAGE signal light and the audible alarm shall be energized and the engine shall stop.
  - 3) The difference between the first and second stage pressure settings shall be approximately 15% of the oil pressure.

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- 4) The pressure settings near the associated signal light shall be permanently displayed so that the running oil pressure can be compared to the target (setpoint) value.
- e. Overspeed:
  - 1) When the engine RPM exceeds the maximum RPM recommended by the manufacturer of the engine, the engine shall stop.
  - Simultaneously, the OVERSPEED signal light and the audible alarm shall be energized.
- f. Low Fuel Day Tank:
  - When the fuel oil level in the day tank decreases to less than the level at which the fuel oil transfer pump should start to refill the tank, the LOW FUEL DAY TANK light and the audible alarm shall be energized.
- g. Low Fuel Main Storage Tank:
  - When the fuel oil level in the storage tank decreases to less than one-third of total tank capacity, the LOW FUEL-MAIN STORAGE TANK signal light and audible alarm shall be energized.
- h. Reset Alarms and Signals:
  - 1) Overcrank, Coolant Temperature, Coolant Level, Oil Pressure, Overspeed, and Low Fuel signal lights and the associated audible alarms shall require manual reset. A momentary-contact silencing switch and push-button shall silence the audible alarm by using relays or solid state devices to seal in the audible alarm in the de-energized condition. Elimination of the alarm condition shall automatically release the sealed-in circuit for the audible alarm so that it will be automatically energized again when the next alarm condition occurs. The signal lights shall require manual reset after elimination of the condition which caused them to be energized. Install the audible alarm just outside the engine generator room in a location as directed by the COTR. The audible alarm shall be rated for 85 dB at 3 M (10 feet).
- i. Generator Breaker Signal Light:
  - 1) A flashing green light shall be energized when the engine generator circuit breaker is in the OPEN or TRIPPED position.
  - 2) Simultaneously, the audible alarm shall be energized.

- 4. Monitoring Devices:
  - a. Electric type gauges for the cooling water temperatures and lubricating oil pressures. These gauges may be engine mounted with proper vibration isolation.
  - b. A running time indicator, totalizing not fewer than 9,999 hours, and an electric type tachometer.
  - c. A voltmeter, ammeter, frequency meter, kilowatt meter, manual adjusting knob for the output voltage, and the other items shown on the drawings shall be mounted on the front of the generator control panels.
  - d. Install potential and current transformers as required.
  - e. Visual Indications:
    - 1) OVERCRANK
    - 2) HIGH COOLANT TEMPERATURE FIRST STAGE
    - 3) HIGH COOLANT TEMPERATURE SECOND STAGE
    - 4) LOW COOLANT TEMPERATURE
    - 5) OIL PRESSURE FIRST STAGE
    - 6) OIL PRESSURE SECOND STAGE
    - 7) LOW COOLANT LEVEL
    - 8) GENERATOR BREAKER
    - 9) OVERSPEED
    - 10) LOW FUEL DAY TANK
    - 11) LOW FUEL MAIN STORAGE TANK
  - f. Lamp Test: The LAMP TEST momentary contact switch shall momentarily actuate the alarm buzzer and all the indicating lamps.
- 5. Automatic Voltage Regulator:
  - a. Shall correct voltage fluctuations rapidly and restore the output voltage to the predetermined level with a minimum amount of hunting.
  - b. Shall include voltage level rheostat located inside the control cubicle.
  - c. Provide a 3-phase automatic voltage regulator immune to waveform distortion.

#### 2.14 REMOTE MANUAL STOP STATION

A. Shall be provided per NFPA 101, and shall be a red mushroom-head pushbutton switch.

- B. Shall be connected to the main generator control panel to provide emergency shutdown of the generator.
- C. Shall be located outside the room housing the generator.
- D. Shall have permanent label reading "EMERGENCY STOP".

# 2.15 SPARE PARTS

- A. For each engine generator:
  - 1. Six lubricating oil filters.
  - 2. Six primary fuel oil filters.
  - 3. Six secondary fuel oil filters.
  - 4. Six intake air filters.
- B. For each battery charger:
  - 1. Three complete sets of fuses.
- C. For each control panel:
  - 1. Three complete sets of fuses, if applicable.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install concrete bases of dimensions shown on the drawings.
- B. Installation of the engine generator shall comply with manufacturer's written instructions and with NFPA 110.
- C. Mounting:
  - Support the base of engine generator on vibration isolators, each isolator bolted to the floor (pad), and the generator base bolted to isolator.
  - 2. Install sufficient isolators so that the floor (pad) bearing pressure under each isolator is within the floor (pad) loading specification.
  - 3. Install equal number of isolators on each side of the engine generator's base.
  - Locate isolators for approximately equal load distribution and deflection per isolator. The base of the engine generator shall be drilled at the factory for the isolator bolts.
  - 5. Isolators shall be shipped loose with the engine generator.
  - 6. All connections between the engine generator and exterior systems, such as fuel lines, electrical connections, and engine exhaust system and air exhaust shroud, shall be flexible.

- D. In seismic areas, engine generators shall be adequately anchored and braced per details on structural contract drawings to withstand the seismic forces at the location where installed.
- E. Balance:
  - The vibration velocity in the horizontal, vertical, and axial directions shall not exceed 16.25 mm (0.65 inch) per second peak at any specific frequency. These limits apply to main structural components such as the engine block and the generator frame at the bearings.
- F. Connect all components of the generator system so that they will continue to be energized during failure of the normal electrical power supply system.
- G. Install piping between engine generator and remote components of cooling, fuel, and exhaust systems.
- H. Flexible connection between radiator and exhaust shroud at the wall
  damper:
  - Install noncombustible flexible connections made of 20-oz neoprene-coated fiberglass fabric approximately 150 mm (6 inches) wide.
  - Crimp and fasten the fabric to the sheet metal with screws 50 mm (2 inches) on center. The fabric shall not be stressed, except by the air pressure.
- I. Exhaust System Insulation:
  - Adhesive and insulation materials shall be applied on clean, dry surfaces from which loose scale and construction debris has been removed by wire brushing.
  - 2. Fill all cracks, voids, and joints of applied insulation material with high temperature 1093 °C (2000 °F) insulating cement before applying the outer covering.
  - 3. The installation shall be clean and free of debris, thermally and structurally tight without sag, neatly finished at all hangers or other penetrations, and shall provide a smooth finished surface.
  - 4. Insulation and jacket shall terminate hard and tight at all anchor points.
  - 5. Insulate completely from engine exhaust flexible connection through roof or wall construction, including muffler.

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### 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Provide the services of a factory-authorized, factory-trained representative of the engine generator manufacturer to inspect fieldassembled components and equipment installation, and to supervise the field tests.
- B. When the complete engine generator system has been installed and prior to the final inspection, test all components of the system in the presence of the COR for proper operation of the individual components and the complete system and to eliminate electrical and mechanical defects.
- C. Furnish fuel oil, lubricating oil, anti-freeze liquid, water treatment, rust-inhibitor, and load bank for testing of the engine generator.
- D. Visual Inspection: Visually verify proper installation of engine generator and all components per manufacturer's pre-functional installation checklist.
- E. Set engine generator circuit breaker protective functions per Section 26 05 73, OVERCURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICE COORDINATION STUDY.
- F. Field Tests:
  - 1. Perform manufacturer's after-starting checks and inspections.
  - Test the engine generator for six hours of continuous operation as follows:
    - a. Two hours while delivering 100% of the specified kW.
    - b. Four hours while the engine generator is delivering 80% of its specified kW rating.
    - c. If during the 6-hour continuous test, an engine generator failure occurs or the engine generator cannot maintain specified power output, the test(s) are null and void. After repair and/or adjustments, the test(s) shall be repeated at no additional cost to the Government until satisfactory results are attained.
  - 3. Record the following test data at 30-minute intervals:
    - a. Time of day, as well as reading of running time indicator.
    - b. kW.
    - c. Voltage on each phase.
    - d. Amperes on each phase.
    - e. Engine RPM.
    - f. Frequency.
    - g. Coolant water temperature.

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- h. Fuel pressure.
- i. Oil pressure.
- j. Outdoor temperature.
- k. Average ambient temperature in the vicinity of the engine generator.
- Demonstrate that the engine generator will attain proper voltage and frequency within the specified time limit from a cold start after the closing of a single contact.
- 5. Furnish a resistance-type load for the testing of the engine generator. Test loads shall always include adequate resistance to assure stability of the loads and equipment during all of the testing operations. The test load kW rating shall not be less than 100% of the specified kW rating of the engine generator.
- G. Starting System Test:
  - Demonstrate that the batteries and cranking motor are capable of five starting attempts of 10 seconds cranking each at 10-second intervals with the battery charger turned off.
- H. Remote Annunciator Panel and Remote Manual Stop Tests:
  - Simulate conditions to verify proper operation of each visual or audible indication, interconnecting hardware and software, and reset button. Simulate emergency stop of the generator by initiating the remote manual stop station, while the generator is in operation.
- I. Fuel systems shall be flushed and tested per Section 23 10 00, FACILITY FUEL SYSTEMS: Fuel supply and storage requirements.
- J. Automatic Operation Tests:
  - Test the engine generator and associated automatic transfer switches to demonstrate automatic starting, loading and unloading. The load for this test shall be the actual connected loads. Initiate loss of normal source and verify the specified sequence of operation. Restore the normal power source and verify the specified sequence of operation. Verify resetting of controls to normal.
- K. At the completion of the field tests, fill the main storage tank and day tank with fuel of grade and quality as recommended by the manufacturer of the engine. Fill all engine fluids to levels as recommended by manufacturer.

- L. When any defects are detected during the tests, correct all the deficiencies and repeat all or part of the 6-hour continuous test as requested by the COR, at no additional cost to the Government.
- M. Provide test and inspection results in writing to the COR.

## 3.3 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION

A. After completion of acceptance checks, settings, and tests, the Contractor shall demonstrate that the engine generator(s) and control and annunciation components are in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function.

# 3.4 INSTRUCTIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS

- A. Laminate or mount under acrylic resin a set of operating instructions for the system and install instructions within a frame mounted on the wall near the engine generator at a location per the COR.
- B. Furnish the services of a competent and factory-trained technician for one 4-hour period for instructions to VA personnel in operation and maintenance of the equipment, on the date requested by the COR.

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# SECTION 26 29 21 ENCLOSED SWITCHES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS

# PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of fused and unfused disconnect switches (indicated as switches in this section), and separately-enclosed circuit breakers for use in electrical systems rated 600 V and below.

#### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A.Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS: Requirements for seismic restraint of nonstructural components.
- B. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- C. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Low-voltage conductors.
- D. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground faults.
- E. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits.
- F. Section 26 24 16, PANELBOARDS: Molded-case circuit breakers.

#### **1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

# 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, 01 33 23 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Submit the following data for approval:
      - Electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details, materials, required clearances, terminations, weight, fuses, circuit breakers, wiring and connection diagrams, accessories, and device nameplate data.
    - c.Certification from the manufacturer that representative enclosed switches and circuit breakers have been seismically tested to International Building Code requirements. Certification shall be based upon simulated seismic forces on a shake table or by analytical methods, but not by experience data or other methods.
  - 2. Manuals:
    - a. Submit complete maintenance and operating manuals including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering fuses, circuit breakers, and replacement parts.
      - Include schematic diagrams, with all terminals identified, matching terminal identification in the enclosed switches and circuit breakers.
      - Include information for testing, repair, troubleshooting, assembly, and disassembly.
    - b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance

and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.

- Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the enclosed switches and circuit breakers conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
  - b. Certification by the Contractor that the enclosed switches and circuit breakers have been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.

# 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. International Code Council (ICC):

IBC-21 .....International Building Code

C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):

FU 1-12 .....Low Voltage Cartridge Fuses

KS 1-13 .....Heavy Duty Enclosed and Dead-Front Switches (600 Volts Maximum)

D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC)

E. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

98-16 ..... Enclosed and Dead-Front Switches

248 1-11 .....Low Voltage Fuses

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# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

## 2.1 FUSED SWITCHES RATED 600 AMPERES AND LESS

- A. Switches shall be in accordance with NEMA, NEC, UL, as specified, and as shown on the drawings.
- B. Shall be NEMA classified General Duty (GD) for 240 V switches, and NEMA classified Heavy Duty (HD) for 480 V switches.
- C. Shall be horsepower (HP) rated.
- D. Shall have the following features:
  - 1. Switch mechanism shall be the quick-make, quick-break type.
  - 2. Copper blades, visible in the open position.
  - 3. An arc chute for each pole.
  - 4. External operating handle shall indicate open and closed positions and have lock-open padlocking provisions.
  - 5. Mechanical interlock shall permit opening of the door only when the switch is in the open position, defeatable to permit inspection.
  - 6. Fuse holders for the sizes and types of fuses specified.
  - 7. Solid neutral for each switch being installed in a circuit which includes a neutral conductor.
  - 8. Ground lugs for each ground conductor.
  - 9. Enclosures:
    - a. Shall be the NEMA types shown on the drawings.

- b. Where the types of switch enclosures are not shown, they shall be the NEMA types most suitable for the ambient environmental conditions.
- c. Shall be finished with manufacturer's standard gray baked enamel paint over pretreated steel.
- Electrically operated switches shall only be installed where shown on the drawings.

## 2.2 UNFUSED SWITCHES RATED 600 AMPERES AND LESS

A. Shall be the same as fused switches, but without provisions for fuses.

#### 2.3 FUSED SWITCHES RATED OVER 600 AMPERES TO 1200 AMPERES

A. Shall be the same as fused switches, and shall be NEMA classified Heavy Duty (HD).

### 2.4 MOTOR RATED TOGGLE SWITCHES

- A. Type 1, general purpose for single-phase motors rated up to 1 horsepower.
- B. Quick-make, quick-break toggle switch with external reset button and thermal overload protection matched to nameplate full-load current of actual protected motor.

# 2.5 CARTRIDGE FUSES

- A. Shall be in accordance with NEMA FU 1.
- B. Feeders: Class L, time delay.
- C. Motor Branch Circuits: time delay.
- D. Other Branch Circuits: Class RK1.
- E. Control Circuits: Class CC.

#### 2.6 SEPARATELY-ENCLOSED CIRCUIT BREAKERS

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- A. Provide circuit breakers in accordance with the applicable requirements in Section 26 24 16, PANELBOARDS.
- B. Enclosures shall be the NEMA types shown on the drawings. Where the types are not shown, they shall be the NEMA type most suitable for the ambient environmental conditions.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and manufacturer's instructions.
- B.Enclosed switches and circuit breakers shall be adequately anchored and braced per details on structural contract drawings to withstand the seismic forces at the location where installed.
- C. Fused switches shall be furnished complete with fuses. Arrange fuses such that rating information is readable without removing the fuses.

# 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Perform in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In addition, include the following:
  - 1. Visual Inspection and Tests:
    - a. Compare equipment nameplate data with specifications and approved shop drawings.
    - b. Inspect physical, electrical, and mechanical condition.
    - c. Verify tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method.
    - d. Vacuum-clean enclosure interior. Clean enclosure exterior.

# 3.3 SPARE PARTS

Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 29 21 - 6 of 8 (EHRM)Infrastructure Upgrades ENCLOSED SWITCHES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 A. Two weeks prior to the final inspection, furnish one complete set of spare fuses for each fused disconnect switch installed on the project. Deliver the spare fuses to the Resident Engineer OR COR.

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## SECTION 26 33 53 STATIC UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, connection, and testing of the static uninterruptible power supply, indicated in this section as UPS.

#### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Low-voltage conductors.
- C. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible fault currents.
- D. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits.

# 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

## 1.4 FACTORY TESTS

- A. UPS shall be thoroughly tested at the factory to assure that there are no electrical or mechanical defects.
- B. Factory Tests shall be in accordance with Paragraph, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. UPS shall be factory full-load tested to meet the requirements specified using a test battery (not the battery to be supplied with the system) with AC input power and with battery power for a minimum of 8 hours, with meter readings taken every 30 minutes. Should a malfunction occur, the problem shall be corrected and the test shall be repeated. The tests shall encompass all aspects of operation, such as module failure, static bypass operation, battery failure, input power failure and overload ratings.

## 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Include electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details, materials, required clearances, terminations, weight, plan, front, side, and rear elevations, accessories, and device nameplate data.
    - c. Provide detailed and project-specific system diagram, showing maintenance bypass, UPS module(s), battery cabinet(s) and batteries, major circuit protective devices, interconnecting power and control wiring, key-type mechanical interlocks, and connections to power sources and loads, as applicable. Indicate whether interconnections are factory-provided/factory-installed, factory-provided/field-installed, or field-provided/field installed.
  - 2. Manuals:
    - a. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, companion copies of complete maintenance and operating manuals including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering replacement parts.
      - Wiring diagrams shall have their terminals identified to facilitate installation, maintenance, and operation.
      - Wiring diagrams shall indicate internal wiring for each item of equipment and the interconnection between the items of equipment.
      - 3) Provide a clear and concise description of operation, which gives, in detail, the information required to properly operate the UPS, including but not limited to bypass switchboard, UPS, key-type mechanical interlocks, remote devices, emergency power off buttons, fire alarm interface, and other components as applicable.

- b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.
  - Include complete "As Installed" diagrams that indicate all pieces of equipment and their interconnecting wiring.
  - Include complete diagrams of the internal wiring for each piece of equipment, including "As Installed" revisions of the diagrams.
  - The wiring diagrams shall identify the terminals to facilitate installation, maintenance, operation, and testing.
- 3. Test Reports:
  - a. Submit certified factory design and production test reports for approval.
  - b. Two weeks prior to the final inspection, submit certified field test reports and data sheets to the COR.
- Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the UPS conforms to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
  - b. Certification by the Contractor that the UPS has been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.

## 1.6 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata), form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by basic designation only.
- B. Institute of Engineering and Electronic Engineers (IEEE): C57.110-08 .....Recommended Practice for Establishing Transformer Capability When Supplying Nonsinusoidal Load Currents C62.41.1-02 ....Surge Environment in Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits C62.41.2-02 ....Characterization of Surges in Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits 450-10 .....Maintenance, Testing, and Replacement of Vented Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary Applications

485-10 .....Sizing Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary

Applications

C. International Code Council (ICC):

IBC-21 .....International Building Code

D. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA): PE 1-12 .....Uninterruptible Power Systems - Specification

and Performance Verification

E. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC)

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. System Capacity: Unless stated otherwise, the parameters listed are under full rated output load at a minimum of 0.9 power factor, with batteries fully charged and floating on the DC bus and with nominal input voltage. Overall 5kVA at 40 °C.
- B. Battery Capacity: Discharge time to end voltage: 10 minutes, at 25 °C (77 °F). Battery shall be capable of delivering 125 percent of full rated output load at initial start-up.
- C. System Bus Bracing: Braced for amperes symmetrical interrupting capacity as shown on drawings.
- D. AC Input:
  - 1. Voltage 208 volts line-to-line.
  - 2. Number of phases: 3-phase, 4-wire, plus ground.
  - 3. Voltage Range: Plus 10 percent, minus 15 percent, without affecting battery float voltage or output voltage.
  - 4. Frequency: 60 Hz, plus or minus 5 percent.
  - 5. Total harmonic current distortion (THD) reflected into the primary line: 5 percent maximum.
- E. AC Output
  - 1. Voltage 208 volts line-to-line, 120 volts line-to-neutral.
  - 2. Number of phases: 3-phase, 4-wire, plus ground.
  - 3. Voltage regulation:
    - a. Balanced load: Plus or minus 1.0 percent.
    - b. 100 percent load imbalance, phase-to-phase: Plus or minus 3 percent.
  - 4. Frequency: 60 Hz.

- 5. Frequency regulation: Plus or minus 0.05 percent.
- 6. Harmonic content (RMS voltage): 5 percent maximum total harmonic distortion with 100% nonlinear load.
- 7. Load power factor operating range: 1.0 to 0.8 lagging.
- 8. Phase displacement:

a. Balanced load: Plus or minus 1 degree of bypass input.

- 9. Overload capability (at full voltage) (excluding battery):
  - a. 125 percent load for 10 minutes.
  - b. 150 percent load for 1 minute.
- F. Voltage Transient Response:
  - 1. 100 percent load step: Plus or minus 5 percent.

# 2.2 100KVA UPS - MCR

- A. General Description: The UPS system shall consist of an IGBT power factor-corrected rectifier, DC-DC converter and three-phase, transformer-free inverter, bypass static transfer switch, bypass synchronizing circuitry, protective devices and accessories as specified. The specified system shall also include a battery disconnect breaker and battery system.
- B. Rectifier/Charger Unit: Rectifier/charger unit shall be solid state and shall provide direct current to the DC bus.
  - Input Circuit Breaker: Rectifier/charger unit shall be provided with an input circuit breaker. The circuit breaker shall be sized to accept simultaneously the full-rated load and the battery recharge current.
  - Sizing: Rectifier/charger unit shall be sized for the following two simultaneous operating conditions:
    - a. Supplying the full rated load current to the inverter.
    - b. Recharging a fully-discharged battery to 95 percent of rated ampere-hour capacity within ten times the discharge time after normal AC power is restored, with the input protective device closed.
- C. Inverter Unit: Inverter unit shall be a solid-state device capable of accepting power from the DC bus and providing AC power within specified limits.
  - 1. Output Overload: The inverter shall be able to sustain an overload as specified across its output terminals.
  - 2. Synchronism: The inverter shall normally operate in phase-lock and synchronism with the bypass source.

- Modular Construction: Each control logic printed circuit board shall be electrically and physically packaged on an individual plug-in module with separate indication and adjustments.
- 4. Output Circuit Breaker: The output circuit breaker shall be capable of shunt tripping and shall have interrupting capacity as specified. Circuit breaker shall have provision for locking in the "off" position.
- 5. Output Transformer: The inverter output transformer shall be similar to the input transformer and shall be capable of handling up to nonlinear loads as described in IEEE C57.110.
- D. External Protection: UPS module shall have built-in self-protection against undervoltage, overvoltage, overcurrent and surges introduced on the AC input source and/or the bypass source. The UPS system shall sustain input surges without damage in accordance with IEEE C62.41.1 and IEEE C62.41.2. The UPS shall also have built-in self-protection against overvoltage and voltage surges introduced at the output terminals by paralleled sources, load switching, or circuit breaker operation in the critical load distribution system.
- E. Internal Protection: UPS module shall be self-protected against overcurrent, sudden changes in output load and short circuits at the output terminals. UPS module shall be provided with output reverse power detection which shall cause that module to be disconnected from the critical load bus when output reverse power is present. UPS module shall have built-in protection against permanent damage to itself and the connected load for predictable types of failure within itself and the connected load. At the end of battery discharge limit, the module shall shut down without damage to internal components.

## 2.3 STATIC BYPASS TRANSFER SWITCH

A. When maintenance is required or when the inverter cannot maintain voltage to the load due to sustained overload or malfunction, a bypass circuit shall be provided to isolate the inverter output from the load and provide a path for power directly from an alternate AC (bypass) source. The UPS control system shall constantly monitor the availability of the inverter bypass circuit to perform a transfer. The inverter bypass circuit shall consist of a continuous duty bypass static switch and an overcurrent protection device to isolate the

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zation 26 33 53 - 6 of 26 STATIC UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY static bypass switch from the bypass utility source. The bypass static switch shall denote the solid-state device incorporating SCRs (silicon controlled rectifiers) that can automatically and instantaneously connect the alternate AC source to the load.

 Static Bypass Transfer Switch Disconnect: A disconnect shall be incorporated to isolate the static bypass transfer switch assembly so it can be removed for servicing. The disconnect shall be equipped with auxiliary contacts and provision for padlocking in either the "on" or "off" position.

## 2.4 MAINTENANCE BYPASS - SINGLE-MODULE UPS

- A. A maintenance bypass switch shall be provided as an integral part of the UPS and located within the UPS module. The maintenance bypass switch shall provide the capability to continuously support the load from the bypass AC power source while the UPS is isolated for maintenance. The maintenance bypass switch shall be housed in an isolated compartment inside the UPS cabinet. Switch shall contain a maintenance bypass protective device and a module isolation protective device.
- B. The maintenance bypass switch shall provide the capability of transferring the load from the UPS static bypass transfer switch to maintenance bypass and then back to the UPS static bypass transfer switch with no interruption to the load

## 2.6 MODULE CONTROL PANEL - SINGLE-MODULE UPS

A. UPS Control Panel-The UPS shall be provided with a microprocessor-based control panel for operator interface (may also be referred to as User Interface, or UI) to configure and monitor the UPS. The control panel shall be located on the front of the unit where it can be operated without opening the hinged front door. A backlit, menu-driven, fullgraphics, color touchscreen liquid crystal display shall be used to enter setpoints for the battery test (duration and end voltage), display system information, metering information, a one-line diagram of the UPS and battery, active events, event history, startup instructions and transfer and shutdown screens.

No mechanical push buttons shall be used.

#### 1. Module Meters:

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- a. Meters shall have 1 percent accuracy.
- b. The following functions shall be monitored and displayed:
  - 1) Input voltage, phase-to-phase (all three phases).
  - 2) Input current, all three phases.
  - 3) Input frequency.
  - 4) Battery voltage.
  - 5) Battery current (charge/discharge).
  - Output voltage, phase-to-phase and phase-to-neutral (all three phases).
  - 7) Output current, all three phases.
  - 8) Output frequency.
  - 9) Output kilowatts.
  - 10) Elapsed time meter to indicate hours of operation, 6 digits.
  - 11) Bypass voltage, phase-to-phase and phase-to-neutral (all three phases).
  - 12) Output kilovars.
  - 13) Output kilowatt hours, with 15-minute interval.

## 2. Module Controls:

- a. Module shall have the following controls:
  - 1) Alarm test/reset function.
  - 2) Module input protective device trip function.
  - 3) Module output protective device trip function.
  - 4) Battery protective device trip function.
  - 5) Emergency Power Off (EPO) pushbutton, with guard.
  - 6) Control power off switch.
  - 7) Static bypass transfer switch enable/disable selector switch.

#### 3. Module Alarm Indicators:

- a. Module shall have indicators for the following alarm items. Any one of these conditions shall turn on an audible alarm and the appropriate summary indicator. Each new alarm shall register without affecting any previous alarm.
  - 1) Input AC power source failure.
  - 2) Input protective device open.
  - 3) Output protective device open.
  - 4) Overload.
  - 5) Overload shutdown.

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- 6) DC overvoltage.
- 7) DC ground fault.
- 8) Low battery.
- 9) Battery discharged.
- 10) Battery protective device open.
- 11) Cooling fan failure.
- 12) Equipment overtemperature.
- 13) Control power failure.
- 14) Charger off.
- 15) Inverter off.
- 16) Emergency off.
- 17) UPS on battery.
- 18) Load on static bypass.
- 19) Static bypass transfer switch disabled.
- 20) Inverter output overvoltage, undervoltage, overfrequency, and underfrequency.
- 21) Bypass source overvoltage, undervoltage, overfrequency, and underfrequency.
- 22) Bypass source to inverter out of synchronization.

### 2.9 BATTERY SYSTEM

- A. General: A storage battery with sufficient ampere-hour rating to maintain UPS output at full capacity for the specified duration shall be provided for each UPS module.
- B. Battery Type: Lead calcium.
- C. Battery Construction: The battery shall be of the valve-regulated, sealed, non-gassing, recombinant type.
- D. Battery Cabinet: The batteries shall be furnished in a battery cabinet matching the UPS. The battery cabinet shall be provided with smoke and high temperature alarms
- E. Battery Cables: Battery-to-battery connections shall be stranded cable with proper cable supports.
- F. Battery Disconnect: The battery cabinet shall have a properly rated circuit breaker (600VDC) to isolate it from the Liebert EXM UPS. This breaker shall be in a separate NEMA-1 enclosure or in a matching battery cabinet. When this breaker is open, there shall be no battery voltage in the UPS enclosure. The UPS shall be automatically

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disconnected from the battery by a shunt trip of the battery cabinet breaker when signaled by other control functions.

- 2.10 5KVA UPS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ROOMS (TR)
- 2.11 PART 1 GENERAL UPS

#### 2.12 SUMMARY UPS

This specification describes the operation and functionality of a continuous duty, three- phase, solid-state, static Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) hereafter referred to as the UPS. Any system deployment shall comprise of hot swappable / user replaceable 5kVA/5kW electronics modules. Each replaceable 5kVA/5kW electronics module contains individual UPS system logic controls, a power factor corrected input power converter/rectifier, PWM inverter, continuous duty bypass static switch module and battery charging circuit. Each 5kW system shall also comprise of hot swappable / user replaceable battery modules, individual user replaceable LCD interface display, intelligent automated maintenance bypass contactor, battery breaker, individual system input breaker, and output distribution breaker. Each 5kW UPS shall contain two battery strings in parallel enhancing system reliability.

## 2.13 STANDARDS

- A. UL 1778 (Underwriters Laboratories) Standard for Uninterruptible Power Supply Equipment. Product safety requirements for the United States.
- B. CSA C22.2 No 107.1(Canadian Standards Association) Commercial and Industrial Power Supplies. Product safety requirements for Canada.
- C. IEC 62040-1-1 (International Electrotechnical Commission) Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) Part 1-1: General and
  safety requirements for UPS used in operator access areas.
- D. IEC 62040-1-2 (International Electrotechnical Commission) -Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) - Part 1-2: General and safety requirements for UPS used in restricted access locations.
- E. IEC 62040-3 (International Electrotechnical Commission) -Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) - Part 3: Method of specifying the performance and test requirements.
- F. CISPR 22: FCC Rules and Regulations 47, Part 15, Class A (Federal Communications Commission) - Radio Frequency Devices.
- G. Where applicable, the UPS shall also be designed in accordance with publications from the following organizations and committees

1.IEEE 587 (ANSI C62.41) Category A & B (International Electrical and Electronics Engineers) - Recommended

practices on surge voltages in low voltage power circuits.

- 2.NFPA 70E®: Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace®
- 3.NEMA National Electrical Manufacturers Association
- 4.MIL-HDBK-217E (Military Handbook) Reliability prediction of electronics equipment
- 5. IEEE 519-1992 Standard Practices and Requirements for Harmonic Control in Electrical Power Systems.
- 6.ISO 9001

(8) ISO

14001

### 2.14 UPS MODES OF OPERATION

- A. Standard: Power strategy set for High Efficiency: Utilizing commercial AC power, the critical load shall be continuously supplied regulated and protected AC power. The system shall power the load while regulating both voltage and frequency in compliance with the UPS output specifications. The system shall derive power from the commercial AC source if the input source is within the specifications for the UPS input. Upon loss of AC power or an event where the input AC source is not is tolerance the UPS shall supply DC power to the Inverter which will supply an output voltage in compliance with the output voltage specifications. System efficiency will be 96% or greater, over the range of 40% to 100% load. System efficiency will be 95% or better from 20 to 40% load. The UPS shall be able to distinguish between upstream (utility) faults and downstream (load) faults, and react appropriately to protect and support the critical load, without interruption. When High Efficiency is utilized, the UPS must attenuate ANSI C62.41-type line transients to within IEC and ITIC limits. During standard operation the AC source shall provide power for the loads in conjunction with charging the battery.
- B. Normal: Power strategy set for Normal: Utilizing commercial AC power, the critical load shall be continuously supplied regulated and protected AC power. The system shall power the load while regulating both voltage and frequency in compliance with the UPS output specifications . The system shall operate in double conversion mode of operation unless forced or commanded to battery mode, bypass mode, high efficiency more or system off. The system shall derive power from the commercial AC source and shall supply DC power to the Inverter in conjunction with charging the battery.
- C. Battery: Upon failure of the commercial AC power, the critical

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load shall continue to be supplied AC power by the system, which shall obtain power from the batteries without any operator intervention. Continuous operation of the critical load shall never be jeopardized during the failure or restoration of the commercial AC source.

D. Charger: Upon restoration of the commercial AC or back-up generation source, the charger shall recharge the batteries and simultaneously supply power to the input power converter (rectifier) which provides power to the Inverter. This shall be an automatic function and shall cause no interruption to the critical load.

# 2.15 PRODUCT

## 2.15.1 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- A. The UPS shall be sized for 5kW / 5kVA load
- B. The UPS battery shall be sized for 10 minutes runtime at a Power Factor of .9 for a 5kW load.

# 2.15.2 SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

- A. System Capacity: The system shall be rated for full 5kW output .
- B. Input Specifications:

AC Input Nominal Voltage: 208Y/120V, 3 Phase, 4 wire plus ground 60 Hz.

- AC Input Voltage Window (range before re-transfer from battery):
  - System loading less than 85% or 4.2kW per 5kW module: 157vac to 246vac, line to line, (-24/+18%), without using stored energy mode.
  - System loading greater than 85% or 4.2kW per module: 187 to 229 vac, line to line, (+10/-10%) without using stored energy mode.
  - Transfer to stored energy window is 3 % wider that retransfer to AC line to compensate for hysteresis.

Maximum Frequency Range: (automatically set upon start-up)

- 60 Hz operation: 55-65 Hz before switching to battery operation
- 50 Hz operation: 45 to 55 Hz before switching to battery operation

Input Power Factor:

• While operating in Normal: > .97 operating from IGBT based input power converter

Input Current Distortion (with no additional passive filter)

• While operating in Normal: < 5% operating from input power converter, with PFC and Non-PFC loads.

Current inrush: No transformer magnetizing inrush in standard UPS

- From start or retransfer from battery: Shall not exceed connected load inrush
- Programmable delay: Upon retransfer from battery each UPS module shall be capable of being programmed from 0 to a maximum of 50 second delay before attempting transfer to the alternate source. This delay is programmable in 10 groups at maximum of five seconds per group .

## C. Output Specifications:

- AC Output: 208Y/120V, 3 Phase, 4 wire plus ground, 60 Hz.
- AC Output Voltage Distortion: Max. 3% @ 100% Linear Load.
- Output Voltage Window: Selectable
  - o Conformance to ITIC curve, 187 vac to 229 vac L to L
  - o Wide window option, typical per ITE Power supply regulation window: 180 vac to 229 vac L to L
- Voltage Transient Response:
  - o HE operation: Dependent upon input mains source, however typically maintains voltage within output specification window +/- 1% maximum for 0-100% or 100% to 0 load step
  - o Normal operation: +/- 6% RMS maximum for 0-100% or 100%
    to 0 load step
  - o rve energy mode: +/- 6% RMS maximum for 0-100% or 100%
    to 0 load step
- Voltage Transient Recovery within <50 milliseconds
- Static transfer duration
  - o With mode set to high efficiency: typical 3-5 ms
  - o With mode set to normal, bypass mode back to normal mode: 1-2  $\mbox{ms}$
  - Output Voltage Harmonic Distortion: Stored energy or inverter operation
    - o <3% THD maximum and 1% single harmonic for a 100% linear load
    - o <5% THD maximum for non-linear load described in IEC
      62040-3</pre>
  - Phase Angle Displacement:
    - 120 degrees +/- 1 degree for balanced load
      - o 120 degrees +/- 1 degrees for 50% imbalanced load
      - o 120 degrees +/- 3 degrees for 100% imbalanced load
  - Overload Rating

o With mode set to Normal Operation
>150% - three hundred milliseconds (300mS)
126% to 150% - five (5) seconds
111% to 125% - one (1) minute
106% to 110% - ten (10) minutes
105% continuous

- Bypass Operation
  - o 125% continuous
  - o 1000% for 500 milliseconds (OCP dependent)
- System AC-AC Efficiency: Power Strategy set to High Efficiency >97.5% at 100% load, with nominal input voltage and frequency.
- System AC-AC Efficiency: Power Strategy set to Normal >89.5% at 83% load, with nominal input voltage and frequency.
- Output Power Factor Rating: 0.9 lead to 0.7 lag
  - The UPS output shall not require derating for purely resistive or power factor corrected loads (PF of 1). The output kW and kVA ratings of the UPS shall be equal. For loads exhibiting a power factor of .9 leading to .7 lagging no derating of the UPS shall be required.
- Environmental
  - o Storage Ambient Temperature:  $-40\Box F$  to  $158\Box F$  ( $-40\Box C$  to  $70\Box C$ )
  - o Operating Ambient Temperature: +32□F to 104□F (0□C to 40□C). (25□C is ideal for most battery types)
  - o Relative Humidity: 5 to 95% Non-condensing
  - o Altitude: Maximum installation with no derating of the UPS output shall be 3300 feet (1000m) above sea level.

# D. INPUT POWER CONVERTER

- 1. The input power converter for each 5kW system is housed within the removable electronics module. This electronics module shall also contain the system control logic, continuous duty static switch and continuous duty inverter. The input power converter shall constantly receive power from the mains input to the system, to provide the necessary UPS power for precise regulation of the DC link voltage to the inverter and battery charger, therefore maintaining regulated output power.
- 2. Input Current Total Harmonic Distortion: The input current ITHD shall be actively controlled by the input power converter while operating from the converter in normal operational mode. The input ITHD shall be less than 5% at full system load.
- 3. Magnetization Inrush Current: If provided with an optional isolation transformer or PDU/System Bypass, system inrush shall be limited to 10 times the nominal input current of the transformer.
- 4. Input Current Limit:
  - a. The input converter shall control and limit the input current draw from utility to 130% of the UPS output. With mains deviation of up to +18%/ -10% of the nominal input voltage the UPS shall be able to support 100% load, charge batteries at up to 10% of the UPS output rating, and provide voltage regulation per the output voltage specification.
  - b. When installed in a parallel configuration the UPS systems shall adjust charge levels to ensure batteries are properly charged, without compromising the parallel bus bar capacity rating, or upstream breaker ratings.
- 5. Battery management system: The UPS shall contain a battery management system with the following features:
  - a.Battery Recharge: The battery management system shall provide a three-step charging process. These periods shall be recognized as constant current, constant voltage and rest. After recharging batteries to full capacity, UPS shall isolate the charging circuit from the battery. Continual float charging of the battery shall not be allowed, therefore reducing the possibility of positive grid corrosion, and increasing expected battery life.
  - b. Battery Runtime Monitoring: The battery management system shall monitor battery and provide status to end user of battery run time via front panel, serial/network communications, or both. Run time calculations to be based on load demand and analysis of battery health.

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- c. Battery Health Monitoring: UPS shall continuously monitor battery health and the UPS will provide warnings visually, audibly and/or via serial/network communications when battery capability falls below 80% of original capacity. Battery testing may also be user initiated via the front panel or serial communications.
- d. The battery charging circuit shall remain active when in any normal mode of operation or while in static bypass mode.
- 6. Back-feed Protection: Each UPS shall provide a UL1778 approved back-feed protection scheme.

## E. OUTPUT INVERTER

- 1. The UPS output inverter shall be used to regulate the output voltage to operate in conjunction with the connected IT load equipment. The output inverter shall use IGBT driven power converters, operating at high frequency to limit the effects of step loads and reduce the operating audible noise from the system. In both double conversion operation and battery operation, the output inverters shall create an output voltage independent of the mains input voltage. Input voltage anomalies such as brown-outs, spikes, surges, sags, and outages shall not affect the continued operation of the critical load.
- 2. Overload Capability: The output inverter shall be capable of supporting 300% overload for a short period, in attempt to clear any short-circuit on the output. The UPS inverter shall remain operational for one (1) minute if a steady-state overload condition of up to 125% is seen on the output of the system. If the overload persists past the outlined time limitation, the critical load will be automatically switched to the static bypass output of the UPS. In the event the static switch exceeds its overload capability, the UPS shall activate the automated maintenance bypass to continue to support the overload until activation of an overcurrent protection device, or the overload condition is removed from the system.
- 3. Inverter Output Isolation: The output inverter shall be provided with a semi conductor fuse and output mechanical contactor to provide overcurrent protection and physical isolation of the inverter from the critical bus. This feature allows a failed inverter to remove itself from the critical bus while not affecting the operation of other parallel systems supporting the loads. Battery Protection: Each UPS shall be capable of controlling battery discharge depth, with the additional feature of removing all DC power draw from the battery in case of an extended input power outage. This will ensure that the batteries will not be deeply discharged which could cause damage to the battery.

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# F. SYSTEM PROTECTION

 Back-feed protection: As a requirement of UL1778, back-feed protection in the static bypass circuit shall also be incorporated in the system design. Back-feed protection shall be a function of a mechanical contactor in series with the bypass SCR(s). The back-feed contactor shall open immediately upon sensing a condition where back-feeding of the static switch by any source connected to the critical output bus of the system is occurring. Shorted SCRs in the static bypass assembly will cause the back-feed protection to activate.

# G. OUTPUT POWER DISTIBUTION

 Each 5kW UPS module shall provide power to an output connector on the rear of the UPS chassis. This connector shall be protected by a properly sized breaker (50A), limiting the output of each UPS module to its rating. The connector shall be capable of supporting loads connected to it even in event the electronics and battery modules are removed. This connector shall also be designed so that the internal UPS electronics module will support the loads on the output connector in event of a parallel bus failure. The output connector shall be monitored by the UPS controls.

# H. DISPLAY AND CONTROLS

- 1. System control and information network interconnections
  - a. Cabling for the UPS monitoring network shall consist of interconnecting cable (ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-A, Category 5e) segments secured at each UPS with an interlocked 8P8C modular plug (RJ45). All information network interconnections shall be made on independent control area network (CAN) cards, which are inserted in an independently controlled and powered communication slot on each UPS module. Each of these interconnection cables shall serve as the physical layer for the UPS information network. This network cable shall be included by the manufacturer with every control area network card purchased. And shall not require tools to install.
- 2. Front Panel Display: The UPS shall include a front panel display consisting of a graphical LCD display with backlight, four status LED's, and a four-key keypad. The LCD shall display a mimic screen of power flow through the UPS system when programmed for this function. The keypad keys shall be menu driven per the function being performed.

a. Graphical LCD display: Includes basic language (English

and local selectable languages), display of unit function and operating parameters. It shall be used to signify the operating state of the UPS, for indicating alarms, for changing operations control parameters and set points. The graphical display shall have a real time clock which will stamp events with event type and time information, reviewable in the logged data menus.

i. Four status LED's, which indicate:

- 1. Alarms, with a red LED
- 2. On Battery, with a yellow LED
- 3. On Bypass, with a yellow LED
- 4. Power On, with a green LED
- ii. Four-Key Multifunction Keypad: UPS shall
   have keypad to allow user to:
  - 1. Adjust UPS parameters
  - 2. View UPS metered data
  - View all parallel UPS systems metered data
  - 4. View alarm and inverter logs
  - 5. Change UPS operational modes of the individual module
  - Change operational modes of all parallel connected systems
  - Turn individual UPS systems on and off
  - Turn all parallel connected systems on or off
- iii. Metered Data: The following metered data, shall be available on the alphanumeric display:

1. Input:

a. Voltage Line to Neutralb. Voltage Line to Line

- c. Frequency
- 2. Battery:
  - a. Voltageb. Currentc. Runtime

3. Output:

a. Voltage Line to Neutralb. Voltage Line to Line

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c. Current d. Frequency e. Power kW f. Power kVA g. Power factor (pf) 4. Parallel System: a. kW [by unit] b. kW [Parallel total] 5. Load Receptacle: a. Voltage Line to Line b. Frequency c. Power kW d. Power kVA e. Current iv. Event log: The display unit shall allow the user to display a time and date stamped log of the 100 most recent status and alarm events. Each event will be time stamped with Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, Second of occurring event. v. The system shall be capable of displaying the following system status information: 1. System Normal 2. High Efficiency Power: % 3. Battery Resting 4. Battery Floating 5. UPS in Parallel mode 6. Parallel Unit Number 7. Units on Parallel Bus 8. Units on Load vi. The system control functions shall have the following capability 1. Go to Normal Mode 2. Go to Bypass Mode 3. Turn UPS On/Off 4. Turn system UPS On/Off 5. Start Battery Test 6. Start Display Test vii. The following system information shall be Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 33 53 - 19 of 26 STATIC UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center

available from the front display

- 1. UPS Type
- 2. UPS Part Number
- 3. UPS Serial Number
- 4. UPS Firmware Revision
- 5. UPS Display Firmware Revision
- 6. UPS CAN Bridge Firmware Revision
- viii. Alarms and system information: The display unit shall allow the user to display a log of all active alarms. The following minimum set of alarm conditions shall be available:
  - 1. On Battery
  - 2. Battery Low
  - 3. On Bypass
  - 4. Bypass Unavailable
  - 5. Battery Breaker Open
  - 6. Battery Connection
  - 7. Overload
  - 8. Over-temperature
  - 9. Site Wiring Fault
  - 10. The UPS does not provide the expected backup time
  - 11. Power is not available at the UPS output receptacle
  - 12. The UPS does not start
  - 13. The UPS does not turn off
  - 14. The UPS operates normally, but some or all of the protected equipment is not on
  - 15. Battery test failed
  - 16. Battery test pending
  - 17. Battery test did not run
  - 18. Battery test aborted
  - 19. The UPS does not transfer to Bypass mode
  - 20. Check Parallel Board
  - 21. Abnormal output voltage at startup
  - 22. Selective Trip
  - 23. Redundancy Loss Due to Overload
  - 24. Configuration Error and the UPS does not start.
  - ix. System Configuration: The following
     shall be configurable from the
     display unit:

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- 1. Set Date and Time
- 2. Display Contrast
- 3. Change Language
- 4. Relay Configuration
- 5. Signal Inputs
- 6. Serial Port Configuration
- 7. Parallel Operation Settings
- 8. Modem Configuration
- 9. Battery Setup
- 10. Power Strategy (normal or high efficiency)
- 11. Start Screen
- 12. User Password
- 13. Audible Alarms
- 14. Unsynchronized Transfer to Bypass
- 15. Transfer to Bypass When Overload
- 16. Automatic Start Delay
- 17. Control Commands from X-Slot 1
- 18. Control Commands from X-Slot2
- 19. X-Slot Signal Input Activation Delay
- 20. Site Wiring Fault Notice
- 21. Input Range
- 22. Reset Custom Event Settings
- x. Communication Interface Board: A communication interface board shall provide the following communication port:
  - 1. Communication Card Slot:
    - a. Each UPS shall provide a communication slot in the back of the system allowing for additional connectivity options, including SNMP/Web, AS/400 relays, Modbus, etc
  - Serial communications (via RS-232) with manufacturer-supplied power management software package.

### I. BATTERY

- The UPS battery shall be of modular construction made up of user replaceable, hot swappable, battery modules with approved overcurrent protection. Each UPS module shall contain a minimum of two (2) parallel battery strings therefore reducing the chance of a single battery failure causing complete loss of runtime.
- 2. The battery jars housed within each removable battery tray shall

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26 33 53 - 21 of 26 STATIC UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY be of the Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) type. Each hot swappable battery module shall hold 10 batteries and shall not exceed recommended OSHA weight limits (50 lbs for men) for a single person to lift repetitively. Each battery tray assembly shall be constructed so that leakage of battery electrolyte from a single battery, due to a damaged battery case, will be contained within the battery tray. Internal batteries shall be of 5AH capacity at 20 hour rate (23 to 27 w/cell).

- 3. The UPS shall incorporate a battery management system to automatically monitor the health of the battery system. This UPS shall notify the user via the front panel and serial/network communications in the event that a failed or weak battery string is found.
- 4. Each 5kW UPS module shall have an independent 70A DC breaker for isolation of all internal and external battery modules to the DC bus. The UPS module shall notify the user if the DC breaker is in the off position.

## PART 2 ACCESSORIES

### A. POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

 The UPS module output connector on the rear of the UPS chassis shall be designed to interface to a rack mounted power distributions system.

### B. EXTENDED RUNTIME BATTERY

1. Extended runtime for the UPS shall be available as an option. These extended battery runtime modules (EBM) will come in a standard rack mount design, with capability to go into any EIA-310-D, or EIA-310-E four post 19" IT enclosure, with minimum depth of 30 inches. Each EBM shall come with a standard four post rail mounting kit to ensure easy slide in installation into the rack or enclosure. EBMs shall be capable of mounting into the same enclose that houses the UPS modules. Each EBM will include a cord assembly that allows plug in capability to the rear of the UPS system or other like EBMs. Each EBM shall include a matching input connector that allows easy tool-less "daisy chaining" of additional EBM modules by plugging them together. The DC output of each EBM shall be protected by an over-current protection device (breaker) with capability of being reset without tools. The cord length of the EBM will be 36" to allow easy installation above or below any UPS. Up to four (4) Extended Battery Modules shall be capable to be added to the standard UPS system for increased battery runtime greater than 30 minutes.

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## C. SOFTWARE AND CONNECTIVITY

### UPS monitoring and management

- 1 Network management: An Ethernet WEB/SNMP, BACnet IP and ModBus TCP network communication adaptor shall be available to allow one or more network management systems (NMS) to monitor and manage the UPS in TCP/IP and/or ModBus or BACnet network environments. SNMP information shall be available in the standard management information base (MIB) data, which can be used by network management software programs. SNMP information shall be provided in DOS and UNIX "tar" formats. The WEB/SNMP interface adaptor shall be a hot swappable card capable of being inserted into any open UPS communication slot.
- 2 A single network management card shall have the capability of interfacing and delivering WEB/SNMP, BACnet IP or ModBus TCP information concurrently
- 3 Each UPS system shall also be capable of using an RS232 port to communicate by means of serial communications to gracefully shut down one or more operating systems during operation on battery. This serial port will also be used for UPS system firmware upgrades.
- 4 UPS communications shall be compatible with APC StruxureWare

# D. STANDARD EQUIPMENT WARRANTY

1 Standard equipment warranty shall be eighteen (18) months from the date of purchase

## E. MANUFACTURER FIELD SERVICE

- 1 The UPS manufacturer shall have a worldwide service organization, consisting of factory trained field service personnel to perform start-up, preventative maintenance, and service of the UPS system and power equipment. The service organization shall offer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year service support
- 2 Replacement parts: Parts shall be available through the worldwide service organization 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. The worldwide service organization shall be capable of shipping parts within 4 working hours or on the next available flight, so that the parts may be delivered to the customer site within 24 hours

# F. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

- 1 A complete offering of preventative and full service maintenance contracts for the UPS system and the battery system shall be available. All contract work shall be performed by Eaton authorized trained service personnel
- 2 Contracts shall be available for both Monday through Friday,

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normal business hours next day response, and seven days a week, any hour with up to two (2) hour response time

### G. TRAINING

1 UPS service training: A UPS service training first responder course shall be available from the UPS manufacturer. The service training workshop shall include a combination of lecture and practical instruction with hands-on laboratory sessions. The service training workshop shall include instruction about safety procedures, UPS operational theory, sub-assembly identification and operation, system controls and adjustment, preventative maintenance, and troubleshooting.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 INSTALLATION

A. The UPS shall be set in place, wired, and connected in accordance with the approved shop drawings and manufacturer's instructions.

## 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. An authorized representative of the UPS manufacturer shall technically supervise and participate during all of the field adjustments and tests. Major adjustments and field tests shall be witnessed by the COR. The manufacturer's representative shall certify in writing that the equipment has been installed, adjusted, and tested in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Perform manufacturer's required field tests in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In addition, include the following:
  - 1. Visual Inspection and Tests:
    - a. Compare equipment nameplate data with specifications and approved shop drawings.
    - b. Inspect physical, electrical, and mechanical condition.
    - c. Verify appropriate anchorage, required area clearances, and correct alignment.
    - d. Verify tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method, or performing thermographic survey after energization.
    - e. Verify grounding connections.
    - f. Vacuum-clean enclosure interior. Clean enclosure exterior.
    - g. Verify the correct operation of all alarms and indicating devices.

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- h. Attach a phase rotation meter to the UPS input, output, and bypass buses, and observe proper phase sequences.
- i. Check and test controls for proper operation.
- j. Check doors for proper alignment and operation.
- k. Check and test each protective device for proper mechanical and electrical operation.
- 2. Load Test: The UPS shall be load tested for a continuous 24 hour period by means of resistive load banks, sized for full rated output load and provided by the UPS manufacturer. The UPS shall be continuously tested at 1/2 load for 8 hours, 3/4 load for 8 hours and full load for 8 hours. If a failure occurs during the burn-in period, the tests shall be repeated. Instrument readings shall be recorded every half hour for the following:
  - a. Input voltage and current (all three phases, for each module).
  - b. Input and output frequency.
  - c. Battery voltage for each module.
  - d. Output voltage and current (all three phases, for each module).
  - e. Output kilowatts for each module.
  - f. Output voltage and current (all three phases).
  - g. Output kilowatts.
- 3. Full Load Burn In Test: The UPS shall undergo an additional full load burn-in period of 24 continuous hours by means of resistive load banks, sized for full rated output load and provided by the UPS manufacturer. If a failure occurs during the burn-in period, the tests shall be repeated. Instrument readings shall be recorded every half hour as above. The following tests shall be performed:
  - a. With the UPS carrying full rated output load and supplied from the normal source, switch 100 percent of load bank capacity on and off a minimum of five times within the burn-in period.
  - b. With the UPS carrying maximum continuous design load and supplied from the emergency source, repeat the switching operations described above.
- 4. Full Load Battery Burn In Test: The UPS shall undergo a full load battery test by means of resistive load banks, sized for full rated output load and provided by the UPS manufacturer. If a failure occurs during the battery discharge time, the tests shall be

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zation 26 33 53 - 25 of 26 STATIC UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY repeated. Instrument readings shall be recorded every half hour as above.

- a. With the UPS carrying full rated output load and operating on battery power, switch 100 percent of load bank capacity on and off a minimum of five times within the battery discharge time.
- 5. Battery Discharge and Recharge Test: With the battery fully charged, the UPS shall undergo a complete battery discharge test to full depletion followed by a full recharge. Instrument readings shall be recorded every minute during discharge for the following: a. Battery voltage and current.
  - b. Output voltage and current (all three phases).
  - c. Output kilowatts.
  - d. Output voltage and current (all three phases).
  - e. Output kilowatts (system).
  - f. Output frequency.

### 3.3 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION

A. After completion of acceptance checks and tests, the Contractor shall show by demonstration in service that the UPS is in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function.

### 3.4 ONE LINE DIAGRAM AND SEQUENCE OF OPERATION

- A. At final inspection, an as-built one line diagram shall be laminated or mounted under acrylic glass, and installed in a frame mounted near the UPS.
- B. Furnish a written sequence of operation for the UPS and connected line side/load side electrical distribution equipment. The sequence of operation shall be laminated or mounted under acrylic glass, and installed in a frame mounted near the UPS.
- C. Deliver an additional four copies of the as-built one line diagram and sequence of operation to the COR.

### 3.5 INSTRUCTION

A. Furnish the services of a factory-trained technician for one 4-hour training period for instructing personnel in the maintenance and operation of the UPS, on the dates requested by the COR.

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# SECTION 26 36 23 AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, connection, and testing of open-transition automatic transfer switches with bypass isolation, indicated as automatic transfer switches or ATS in this section.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Low-voltage conductors.
- C. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personal safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.
- D. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits.
- E. Section 26 05 73, OVERCURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICE COORDINATION STUDY: Short circuit and coordination study, and requirements for a coordinated electrical system.
- F. Section 26 32 13, ENGINE-GENERATORS: Requirements for normal and emergency power generation.

# 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. A factory-authorized representative shall be capable of providing emergency maintenance and repairs at the project site within 8 hours maximum of notification.
- C. Automatic transfer switch, bypass/isolation switch, and annunciation control panels shall be products of the same manufacturer.

### 1.4 FACTORY TESTS

- A. ATS shall be thoroughly tested at the factory to assure that there are no electrical or mechanical defects.
- B. Factory Tests shall be in accordance with Paragraph, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the

- 1. Perform visual inspection to verify that each ATS is as specified.
- 2. Perform mechanical test to verify that ATS sections are free of mechanical defects.
- 3. Perform insulation resistance test to ensure electrical integrity and continuity of entire system.
- 4. Perform main switch contact resistance test.
- 5. Perform electrical tests to verify complete system electrical operation.

### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Include voltage rating, continuous current rating, number of phases, withstand and closing rating, dimensions, weights, mounting details, conduit entry provisions, front view, side view, equipment and device arrangement, elementary and interconnection wiring diagrams, factory relay settings, and accessories.
    - c. For automatic transfer switches that are networked together to a common means of annunciation and/or control, submit interconnection diagrams as well as site and building plans, showing connections for normal and emergency sources of power, load, control and annunciation components, and interconnecting communications paths. Equipment locations on the diagrams and plans shall match the site, building, and room designations on the drawings.
    - d. Complete nameplate data, including manufacturer's name and catalog number.
    - e. A copy of the markings that are to appear on the automatic transfer switches when installed.
    - f. Certification from the manufacturer that representative ATS have been seismically tested to International Building Code requirements. Certification shall be based upon simulated seismic forces on a shake table or by analytical methods, but not by experience data or other methods.
  - 2. Manuals:

- a. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, companion copies of complete maintenance and operating manuals, including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering replacement parts.
  - Schematic signal and control diagrams, with all terminals identified, matching terminal identification in the automatic transfer switches.
  - Include information for testing, repair, troubleshooting, assembly, disassembly, and factory recommended/required periodic maintenance procedures and frequency.
  - 3) Provide a replacement and spare parts list. Include a list of tools and instruments for testing and maintenance purposes.
- b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.
  - Include complete "As Installed" diagrams that indicate all pieces of equipment and their interconnecting wiring.
  - Include complete diagrams of the internal wiring for each piece of equipment, including "As Installed" revisions of the diagrams.
  - 3) The wiring diagrams shall identify the terminals to facilitate installation, maintenance, operation, and testing.
- 3. Certifications:
  - a. When submitting the shop drawings, submit a certified test report from a recognized independent testing laboratory that a representative sample has passed UL 1008 prototype testing.
  - b. Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following:
    - 1) Certification by the manufacturer that the ATS conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
    - Certification by the Contractor that transfer switches have been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.

# 1.6 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE):

HOT SPRINGS VA MEDICAL CENTER 100% FINAL SOLUTION 02/23/2022 HOT SPRINGS, SD 446-95 ..... Emergency and Standby Power Systems for Industrial and Commercial Applications C37.90.1-12 .....Surge Withstand Capability (SWC) Tests for Relays and Relay Systems Associated with Electric Power Apparatus C62.41.1-02 .....Guide on the Surges Environment in Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits C62.41.2-02 .....Recommended Practice on Characterization of Surges in Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits C. International Code Council (ICC): IBC-21 .....International Building Code D. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA): Maximum) ICS 6-06 .....Enclosures ICS 4-15 .....Application Guideline for Terminal Blocks MG 1-16 .....Motors and Generators E. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC) 99-21 .....Health Care Facilities 110-19 ..... Emergency and Standby Power Systems F. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL): 50-15 ..... Enclosures for Electrical Equipment 508-99 ..... Industrial Control Equipment 891-05 .....Switchboards 1008-14 .....Transfer Switch Equipment PART 2 - PRODUCTS 2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS A. Automatic transfer switches shall comply with IEEE, NEMA, NFPA, UL, and have the following features:

1. Automatic transfer switches shall be open transition switches, 3-pole, draw-out construction, electrically operated, mechanically held open contact type, without integral overcurrent protection. Automatic transfer switches utilizing automatic or non-automatic molded case circuit breakers, insulated case circuit breakers, or power circuit breakers as switching mechanisms are not acceptable.

- Automatic transfer switches shall be completely factory-assembled and wired such that only external circuit connections are required in the field.
- 3. Each automatic transfer switch shall be equipped with an integral bypass/isolation switch.
- 4. Ratings:
  - a. Phases, voltage, continuous current, poles, and withstand and closing ratings shall be as shown on the drawings.
  - b. Transfer switches are to be rated for continuous duty at specified continuous current rating on 60Hz systems.
  - c. Maximum automatic transfer switch rating: 800 A.
- 5. Markings:
  - a. Markings shall be in accordance with UL 1008.
- 6. Tests:
  - a. Automatic transfer switches shall be tested in accordance with UL 1008. The contacts of the transfer switch shall not weld during the performance of withstand and closing tests when used with the upstream overcurrent device and available fault current specified.
- 7. Surge Withstand Test:
  - a. Automatic transfer switches utilizing solid-state devices in sensing, relaying, operating, or communication equipment or circuits shall comply with IEEE C37.90.1.
- 8. Housing:
  - a. Enclose automatic transfer switches in floor-mounted steel cabinets, with metal gauge not less than No. 14, in accordance with UL 508, or in a switchboard assembly in accordance with UL 891, as shown on the drawings.
  - b. Enclosure shall be constructed so that personnel are protected from energized bypass-isolation components during automatic transfer switch maintenance.
  - c. Automatic transfer switch components shall be removable without disconnecting external source or load power conductors.
  - d. Finish: Cabinets shall be given a phosphate treatment, painted with rust-inhibiting primer, and finish-painted with the manufacturer's standard enamel or lacquer finish.

- e. Viewing Ports: Provide viewing ports so that contacts may be inspected without disassembly.
- 9. Operating Mechanism:
  - a. Actuated by an electrical operator.
  - b. Electrically and mechanically interlocked so that the main contact cannot be closed simultaneously in either normal and emergency position.
  - c. Normal and emergency main contacts shall be mechanically locked in position by the operating linkage upon completion of transfer. Release of the locking mechanism shall be possible only by normal operating action.
  - d. Contact transfer time shall not exceed six cycles.
  - e. Operating mechanism components and mechanical interlocks shall be insulated or grounded.
- 10. Contacts:
  - a. Main contacts: Silver alloy.
  - b. Neutral contacts: Silver alloy, with same current rating as phase contacts.
  - c. Current carrying capacity of arcing contacts shall not be used in the determination of the automatic transfer switch rating and shall be separate from the main contacts.
  - d. Main and arcing contacts shall be visible for inspection with cabinet door open and barrier covers removed.
- 11. Manual Operator:
  - a. Capable of operation by one person in either direction under no load.
- 12. Replaceable Parts:
  - a. Include the main and arcing contacts individually or as units, as well as relays, and control devices.
  - b. Automatic transfer switch contacts and accessories shall be replaceable from the front without removing the switch from the cabinet and without removing main conductors.
- 13. Sensing Features:
  - a. Undervoltage Sensing for Each Phase of Normal Source: Sense low phase-to-ground voltage on each phase. Pickup voltage shall be adjustable from 85 to 100% of nominal, and dropout voltage is

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adjustable from 75 to 98% of pickup value. Factory set for pickup at 90% and dropout at 85%.

- b. Adjustable Time Delay: For override of normal-source voltage sensing to delay transfer and engine start signals. Adjustable from zero to six seconds, and factory set for one second.
- c. Voltage/Frequency Lockout Relay: Prevent premature transfer to the engine-generator. Pickup voltage shall be adjustable from 85 to 100% of nominal. Factory set for pickup at 90%. Pickup frequency shall be adjustable from 90 to 100% of nominal. Factory set for pickup at 95%.
- d. Time Delay for Retransfer to Normal Source: Adjustable from 0 to 30 minutes, and factory set for 10 minutes to automatically defeat delay on loss of voltage or sustained undervoltage of emergency source, provided normal supply has been restored.
- e. Test Switch: Simulate normal-source failure.
- f. Switch-Position Indication: Indicate source to which load is connected.
- g. Source-Available Indication: Supervise sources via transfer switch normal- and emergency-source sensing circuits.
- h. Normal Power Indication: Indicate "Normal Source Available."
- i. Emergency Power Indication: Indicate "Emergency Source Available."
- j. Transfer Override Control: Overrides automatic retransfer control so that automatic transfer switch shall remain connected to emergency power source regardless of condition of normal source. Control panel shall indicate override status.
- k. Engine Starting Contacts: One isolated and normally closed and one isolated and normally open; rated 5 A at 30 V DC minimum.
- Engine Shutdown Contacts: Time delay adjustable from zero to 15 minutes, and factory set for 5 minutes. Contacts shall initiate shutdown at remote engine-generator controls after retransfer of load to normal source.
- m. Engine-Generator Exerciser: Programmable exerciser starts enginegenerator(s) and transfers load to them from normal source for a preset time, then retransfers and shuts down engine-generator(s) after a preset cool-down period. Initiates exercise cycle at preset intervals adjustable from 7 to 30 days. Running periods are adjustable from 10 to 30 minutes. Factory settings shall be for 7-Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center

day exercise cycle, 20-minute running period, and 5-minute cooldown period.

- 14. Controls:
  - a. Controls shall provide indication of switch status and be equipped with alarm diagnostics.
  - b. Controls shall control operation of the automatic transfer switches.
- 15. Factory Wiring: Train and bundle factory wiring and label either by color-code or by numbered/lettered wire markers. Labels shall match those on the shop drawings.
- 16. Annunciation, Control, and Programming Interface Components: Devices for communicating with remote programming devices, annunciators, or control panels shall have open-protocol communication capability matched with remote device.
- 17. Provide contacts for connection to elevator controllers, one closed when automatic transfer switch is connected to the normal source, and one closed when automatic transfer switch is connected to the emergency source.
- 18. Elevator Pre-Transfer Signal Relay: Provide a pre-signal relay on all automatic transfer switches that will indicate to an elevator controller or controllers that a transfer or re-transfer is about to occur.

## 2.2 SEQUENCE OF OPERATION

- A. The specified voltage decrease in one or more phases of the normal power source shall initiate the transfer sequence. The automatic transfer switch shall start the engine-generator(s) after a specified time delay to permit override of momentary dips in the normal power source.
- B. The automatic transfer switch shall transfer the load from normal to emergency source when the frequency and voltage of the engine-generator(s) have attained the specified percent of rated value.
- C. Engine Start: A voltage decrease, at any automatic transfer switch, in one or more phases of the normal power source to less than the specified value of normal shall start the engine-generator(s) after a specified time delay.
- D. Transfer to Emergency System Loads: Automatic transfer switches for Emergency System loads shall transfer their loads from normal to emergency source when frequency and voltage of the engine-generator(s) have attained Electronic Health Records Modernization Page 8 of 13 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702

the specified percent of rated value. Only those switches with deficient normal source voltage shall transfer.

E. Retransfer to Normal (All Loads): Automatic transfer switches shall retransfer the load from emergency to normal source upon restoration of normal supply in all phases to the specified percent or more of normal voltage, and after a specified time delay. Should the emergency source fail during this time, the automatic transfer switches shall immediately transfer to the normal source whenever it becomes available. After restoring to normal source, the engine-generator shall continue to run unloaded for a specified interval before shut-down.

## 2.3 BYPASS-ISOLATION SWITCH

- A. Provide each automatic transfer switch with two-way bypass-isolation manual type switch. The bypass-isolation switch shall permit load by-pass to either normal or emergency power source and complete isolation of the automatic transfer switch, independent of transfer switch position. Bypass and isolation shall be possible under all conditions including when the automatic transfer switch is removed from service.
- B. Operation: The bypass-isolation switch shall have provisions for operation by one person through the movement of a maximum of two handles at a common dead front panel in no more than 15 seconds. Provide a lock, which must energize to unlock the bypass switch, to prevent bypassing to a dead source. Provide means to prevent simultaneous connection between normal and emergency sources.
  - Bypass to normal (or emergency): Operation of bypass handle shall allow direct connection of the load to the normal (or emergency) source, without load interruption or by using a break-before-make design, or provide separate load interrupter contacts to momentarily interrupt the load.
    - Ensure continuity of auxiliary circuits necessary for proper operation of the system.
    - b. A red indicating lamp shall light when the automatic transfer switch is bypassed.
    - c. Bypassing source to source: If the power source is lost while in the bypass position, bypass to the alternate source shall be achievable without re-energization of the automatic transfer switch service and load connections.

- Isolation: Operation of the isolating handle shall isolate all live power conductors to the automatic transfer switch without interruption of the load.
  - a. Interlocking: Provide interlocking as part of the bypass- isolation switch to eliminate personnel-controlled sequence of operation, and to prevent operation to the isolation position until the bypass function has been completed.
  - b. Padlocking: Include provisions to padlock the isolating handle in the isolated position.
  - c. Visual verification: The isolation blades shall be visible in the isolated position.
- 3. Testing: It shall be possible to test (normal electrical operation) the automatic transfer switch and engine-generator with the isolation contacts closed and the load bypassed without interruption of power to the load.
- C. Ratings: The electrical capabilities and ratings of the bypass-isolation switch shall be compatible with those of the associated automatic transfer switch, including any required additional withstand tests.

## 2.4 REMOTE ANNUNCIATOR AND CONTROL SYSTEM

- A. Include the following functions for indicated automatic transfer switches:
  - 1. Indication of sources available, as defined by actual pickup and dropout settings of automatic transfer switch controls.
  - 2. Indication of automatic transfer switch position.
  - 3. Indication of automatic transfer switch in test mode.
  - 4. Indication of failure of communication link.
  - 5. Key-switch or user-code access to control functions of panel.
  - 6. Control of automatic transfer switch test initiation.
  - 7. Control of automatic transfer switch operation in either direction.
  - 8. Control of time-delay bypass for transfer to normal source.
- B. Malfunction of remote annunciator and control system or communication link shall not affect functions of automatic transfer switches. Automatic transfer switch sensing, controlling, or operating functions shall not depend on remote annunciator and control system for proper operation.
- C. Remote annunciation and control system shall include the following features:

1. Touchscreen type operator interface.Electronic Health Records ModernizationPage 10 of 13(EHRM) Infrastructure UpgradesHot Springs VA Medical CenterVA Project No. 568A4-21-702

- 2. Control and indication means grouped together for each automatic transfer switch.
- 3. Label each indication and control group. Indicate the automatic transfer switch it controls, the location of the automatic transfer switch, and the identity of the load that it serves.
- 4. Digital Communication Capability: Matched to that of automatic transfer switches supervised.
- 5. Mounting: Steel cabinet, flush or surface mounted, as shown on the drawings.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install automatic transfer switches and associated remote components in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Anchor automatic transfer switches with rustproof bolts, nuts, and washers not less than 12 mm (1/2 inch) diameter, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, and as shown on drawings.
- C. In seismic areas, automatic transfer switches shall be adequately anchored and braced per details on structural contract drawings to withstand the seismic forces at the location where installed.
- D. Mount automatic transfer switches on existing concrete slab.

# 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. An authorized representative of the automatic transfer switch manufacturer shall technically supervise and participate during all of the field adjustments and tests. Major adjustments and field tests shall be witnessed by the COR. The manufacturer's representative shall certify in writing that the equipment has been installed, adjusted and tested in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Perform manufacturer's required field tests in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In addition, include the following:
  - 1. Visual Inspection and Tests:
    - Compare equipment nameplate data with specifications and approved shop drawings.
    - b. Inspect physical, electrical, and mechanical condition.
    - c. Confirm correct application of manufacturer's recommended lubricants.

- d. Verify appropriate anchorage, required area clearances, and correct alignment.
- e. Verify tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method, or performing thermographic survey after energization.
- f. Verify grounding connections.
- g. Verify ratings of sensors.
- h. Vacuum-clean enclosure interior. Clean enclosure exterior.
- i. Exercise all active components.
- j. Verify that manual transfer warning signs are properly placed.
- k. Verify the correct operation of all sensing devices, alarms, and indicating devices.
- 2. Electrical tests:
  - a. Perform insulation-resistance tests.
  - b. After energizing circuits, demonstrate the interlocking sequence and operational function for each automatic transfer switch at least three times.
    - Test bypass-isolation unit functional modes and related automatic transfer switch operations.
    - Power failure of normal source shall be simulated by opening upstream protective device. This test shall be performed a minimum of five times.
    - 3) Power failure of emergency source with normal source available shall be simulated by opening upstream protective device for emergency source. This test shall be performed a minimum of five times.
    - Low phase-to-ground voltage shall be simulated for each phase of normal source.
    - 5) Operation and settings shall be verified for specified automatic transfer switch operational feature, such as override time delay, transfer time delay, return time delay, engine shutdown time delay, exerciser, auxiliary contacts, and supplemental features.
    - Verify pickup and dropout voltages by data readout or inspection of control settings.

- 7) Verify that bypass and isolation functions perform correctly, including the physical removal of the automatic transfer switch while in bypass mode.
- c. Ground-fault tests: Verify that operation of automatic transfer switches shall not cause nuisance tripping or alarms of ground fault protection on either source.
- d. When any defects are detected, correct the defects and repeat the tests as requested by the COR at no additional cost to the Government.

## 3.3 FIELD SETTINGS VERIFICATION

A. The automatic transfer switch settings shall be verified in the field by an authorized representative of the manufacturer.

## 3.4 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION

A. Upon completion of acceptance checks and tests, the Contractor shall show by demonstration in service that the automatic transfer switches are in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function.

# 3.5 INSTRUCTION

A. Furnish the services of a factory-trained technician for one 4-hour training period for instructing personnel in the maintenance and operation of the automatic transfer switches, on the dates requested by the COR.

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# SECTION 26 41 00 FACILITY LIGHTNING PROTECTION

### PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing and installation of a complete UL master labeled lightning protection system.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 07 60 00, FLASHING AND SHEET METAL: Penetrations through the roof.
- B. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- C. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path to ground for possible ground faults.
- D. Section 26 42 00 CATHODIC PROTECTION: Requirements for protection of buried ferrous equipment from galvanic corrosion.
- E. Section 26 43 13, SURGE PROTECTIVE DEVICES: Surge protective device installed at the electrical service entrance.

# 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Show locations of air terminals, connections to required metal surfaces, down conductors, and grounding means.
    - c. Show the mounting hardware and materials used to attach air terminals and conductors to the structure.
  - Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.

- a. Certification by the manufacturer that the lightning protection system conforms to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
- b. Certification by the Contractor that the lightning protection system has been properly installed and inspected.
- c. Certification that the lightning protection system has been inspected by a UL representative and has been approved by UL without variation.

### 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC) 780-20 ....Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems
- C. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL): 96-16 ......Lightning Protection Components 96A-16 .....Installation Requirements for Lightning Protection Systems

467-13 ..... Standard for Grounding and Bonding Equipment

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Lightning protection components shall conform to NFPA 780 and UL 96, for use on Class I structures. Aluminum materials are not allowed.
  - 1. Class I conductors: Copper.
  - Class I air terminals: Solid copper, 460 mm (18 inches) long, not less than 9.5 mm (3/8 inch) diameter, with sharp nickel-plated points.
  - 3. Ground rods: Copper-clad steel, 0.75 in (19 mm) diameter by 3 m (10 feet) long.
  - 4. Ground plates: Solid copper, not less than 20 gauge.
  - 5. Bonding plates: Bronze, 50 square cm (8 square inches).
  - 6. Through roof connectors: Solid copper riser bar, length and type as required to accommodate roof structure and flashing requirements.

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- 7. Down conductor guards: Stiff copper or brass.
- 8. Anchors and fasteners: Bronze bolt and clamp type shall be used for all applications except for membrane roof. Adhesive type are allowed only for attachment to membrane roof materials, using adhesive that is compatible with the membrane material.
- Connectors: Bronze clamp-type connectors shall be used for roof conductor splices, and the connection of the roof conductor to air terminals and bonding plates. Crimp-type connectors are not allowed.
- 10. Exothermic welds: Exothermic welds shall be used for splicing the roof conductor to the down conductors, splices of the down conductors, and for connection of the down conductors to ground rods, ground plates, and the ground ring.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Coordinate installation with the roofing manufacturer and roofing installer.
- C. Install the conductors as inconspicuously as practical.
- D. Install the down conductors within the concealed cavity of exterior walls where practical. Run the down conductors to the exterior at elevations below the finished grade.
- E. Where down conductors are subject to damage or are accessible near grade, protect with down conductor guards to 2.4 m (8 feet) above grade. Bond down conductors guards to down conductor at both ends.
- F. Make connections of dissimilar metal with bimetallic type fittings to prevent electrolytic action.
- G. Install ground rods and ground plates not less than 600 mm (2 feet) deep and a distance not less than 900 mm (3 feet) nor more than 2.5 m (8 feet) from the nearest point of the structure. Exothermically weld the down conductors to ground rods and ground plates in the presence of the COR.
- H. Bond down conductors to metal main water piping where applicable.
- I. Bond down conductors to building structural steel.
- J. Connect roof conductors to all metallic projections and equipment above the roof as indicated on the drawings.

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- K. Connect exterior metal surfaces, located within 900 mm (3 feet) of the conductors, to the conductors to prevent flashovers.
- L. Maintain horizontal or downward coursing of main conductor and insure that all bends have at least an 200 mm (8 inches) radius and do not exceed 90 degrees.
- M. Conductors shall be rigidly fastened every 900 mm (3 feet) along the roof and down to the building to ground.
- N. Air terminals shall be secured against overturning either by attachment to the object to be protected or by means of a substantial tripod or other braces permanently and rigidly attached to the building or structure.
- O. Install air terminal bases, cable holders and other roof-system supporting means without piercing membrane or metal roofs.
- P. Use through-roof connectors for penetration of the roof system. Flashing shall be provided by roofing contractor in accordance with Section 07 60 00, FLASHING AND SHEET METAL.
- Q. Down conductors coursed on or in reinforced concrete columns or on structural steel columns shall be connected to the reinforcing steel or the structural steel member at its upper and lower extremities. In the case of long vertical members an additional connection shall be made at intervals not exceeding 30 M (100 feet).
- R. A counterpoise or ground ring, where shown, shall be of No. 1/0 copper cable having suitable resistance to corrosion and shall be laid around the perimeter of the structure in a trench not less than 600 mm (2 feet) deep at a distance not less than 900 mm (3 feet) nor more than 2.5 M (8 feet) from the nearest point of the structure.
- S. On construction utilizing post tensioning systems to secure precast concrete sections, the post tension rods shall not be used as a path for lightning to ground.
- T. Where shown, use the structural steel framework or reinforcing steel as the down conductor.
  - Weld or bond the non-electrically-continuous sections together and make them electrically continuous.
  - 2. Verify the electrical continuity by measuring the ground resistances to earth at the ground level, at the top of the building or stack, and at intermediate points with a sensitive ohmmeter. Compare the resistance readings.

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- Connect the air terminals together with an exterior conductor connected to the structural steel framework at not more than 18 M (60 feet) intervals.
- 4. Install ground connections to earth at not more than 18 M (60 feet) intervals around the perimeter of the building.
- 5. Weld or braze bonding plates to cleaned sections of the steel and connect the conductors to the plates.
- 6. Do not pierce the structural steel in any manner. Connections to the structural steel shall conform to UL 96A.
- U. For obstruction lights, the following additional requirements shall apply:
  - 1. Extend air terminals 300 mm (1 foot) above the top of the light fixtures and securely clamp to the light fixture supports.
  - Install 600 volt class lightning arresters. Connect the arresters to the lightning circuit conductors at suitable locations, and ground and bond them to the lightning protection system.
- V. Where the drawings show the new lightning protection system connected to an existing lightning protection system with or without a UL master label, the new portion of the lightning protection system requires UL inspection and a Letter of Findings.

#### 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Test the ground resistance to earth by standard methods, and conform to the ground resistance requirements specified in Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- B. A UL representative shall inspect the lightning protection system. Obtain and install a UL numbered master label for each of the lightning protection systems at the location directed by the UL representative and the COR.

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### SECTION 26 43 13 SURGE PROTECTIVE DEVICES

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of Type 2 Surge Protective Devices, as defined in NFPA 70, and indicated as SPD in this section.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 24 16, PANELBOARDS: For factory-installed or external SPD.

#### 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

# 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Include electrical ratings and device nameplate data.
  - 2. Manuals:
    - a. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, companion copies of complete maintenance and operating manuals including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering replacement parts.
    - b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.
  - Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
    - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the SPD conforms to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
    - b. Certification by the Contractor that the SPD has been properly installed.

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### 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplement and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. Institute of Engineering and Electronic Engineers (IEEE): IEEE C62.41.2-02 .....Characterization of Surges in Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits

IEEE C62.45-08 .....Surge Testing for Equipment Connected to Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits

C. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC)

D. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

UL 1283-15 .....Electromagnetic Interference Filters

UL 1449-14 .....Surge Protective Devices

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 PANELBOARD SPD

- A. General Requirements:
  - 1. Comply with UL 1449 and IEEE C62.41.2.
  - Modular design with field-replaceable modules, or non-modular design.
  - 3. Fuses, rated at 200 kA interrupting capacity.
  - 4. Bolted compression lugs for internal wiring.
  - 5. Integral disconnect switch.
  - 6. Redundant suppression circuits.
  - 7. LED indicator lights for power and protection status.
  - 8. Audible alarm, with silencing switch, to indicate when protection has failed.
  - 9. Form-C contacts rated at 5 A and 250-V ac, one normally open and one normally closed, for remote monitoring of protection status. Contacts shall reverse on failure of any surge diversion module or on opening of any current-limiting device.
  - 10. Four-digit transient-event counter.
- B. Surge Current per Phase: Minimum 120kA per phase.

### 2.3 ENCLOSURES

A. Enclosures: NEMA 1.

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#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Factory-installed SPD: Panelboard manufacturer shall install SPD at the factory.
- C. Do not perform insulation resistance tests on panelboards or feeders with the SPD connected. Disconnect SPD before conducting insulation resistance tests, and reconnect SPD immediately after insulation resistance tests are complete.

### 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Perform in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. In addition, include the following:
  - 1. Visual Inspection and Tests:
    - a. Compare equipment nameplate data with specifications and approved shop drawings.
    - b. Inspect physical, electrical, and mechanical condition.
    - c. Verify that disconnecting means and feeder size and maximum length to SPD corresponds to approved shop drawings.
    - d. Verifying tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method.
    - e. Vacuum-clean enclosure interior. Clean enclosure exterior.
    - Verify the correct operation of all sensing devices, alarms, and indicating devices.

#### 3.3 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION

A. After completion of acceptance checks and tests, the Contractor shall show by demonstration in service that SPD are in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function.

#### 3.4 INSTRUCTION

A. Provide the services of a factory-trained technician for one 2-hour training period for instructing personnel in the maintenance and operation of the SPD, on the date requested by the COR.

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## SECTION 26 51 00 INTERIOR LIGHTING

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION:

A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of the interior lighting systems. The terms "lighting fixture," "fixture," and "luminaire" are used interchangeably.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 01 74 19, CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT: Disposal of lamps.
- B. Section 02 41 00, DEMOLITION: Removal and disposal of lamps and ballasts.
- C. Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS: Requirement for seismic restraint for nonstructural components.
- D. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: Requirements that apply to all sections of Division 26.
- E. Section 26 05 19, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES: Low-voltage conductors.
- F. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path to ground for possible ground fault currents.
- G. Section 26 27 26, WIRING DEVICES: Wiring devices used for control of the lighting systems.

### 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Quality Assurance shall be in accordance with Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES) in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Paragraph, SUBMITTALS in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, and the following requirements:
  - 1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit the following information for each type of lighting fixture designated on the LIGHTING FIXTURE SCHEDULE, arranged in order of lighting fixture designation.
    - b. Material and construction details, include information on housing and optics system.

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- c. Physical dimensions and description.
- d. Wiring schematic and connection diagram.
- e. Installation details.
- f. Energy efficiency data.
- g. Photometric data based on laboratory tests complying with IES Lighting Measurements testing and calculation guides.
- h. Lamp data including lumen output (initial and mean), color rendition index (CRI), rated life (hours), and color temperature (degrees Kelvin).
- Driver data including driver type, starting method, ambient temperature, sound rating, system watts, and total harmonic distortion (THD).
- j. For LED lighting fixtures, submit US DOE LED Lighting Facts label, and IES L70 rated life.
- 2. Manuals:
  - a. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, complete maintenance and operating manuals, including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering replacement parts.
  - b. If changes have been made to the maintenance and operating manuals originally submitted, submit updated maintenance and operating manuals two weeks prior to the final inspection.
- 3. Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit the following.
  - a. Certification by the Contractor that the interior lighting systems have been properly installed and tested.

### 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM): C635/C635M REV A-13 ....Manufacture, Performance, and Testing of Metal Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Layin Panel Ceilings
- C. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

40 CFR 261 .....Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste Electronic Health Records Modernization 26 51 00 - 2 of 10 (EHRM)Infrastructure Upgrades INTERIOR LIGHTING Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 D. Federal Communications Commission (FCC): CFR Title 47, Part 18 .. Industrial, Scientific, and Medical Equipment E. Illuminating Engineering Society (IES): LM-79-08 .....Electrical and Photometric Measurements of Solid-State Lighting Products LM-80-15 .....Measuring Lumen Maintenance of LED Light Sources LM-82-12 .....Characterization of LED Light Engines and LED Lamps for Electrical and Photometric Properties as a Function of Temperature F. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE): C62.41-91(R1995) .....Surge Voltages in Low Voltage AC Power Circuits G. International Code Council (ICC): IBC-21 ..... International Building Code H. National Electrical Manufacturer's Association (NEMA): SSL 1-16 ......Electronic Drivers for LED Devices, Arrays, or Systems I. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20 .....National Electrical Code (NEC) 101-21 .....Life Safety Code J. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL): 496-17 .....Lampholders 924-16 ..... Emergency Lighting and Power Equipment 1598-08 .....Luminaires 8750-15.....Light Emitting Diode (LED) Light Sources for

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 LIGHTING FIXTURES

- A. Shall be in accordance with NFPA, UL, as shown on drawings, and as specified.
- B. Sheet Metal:
  - Shall be formed to prevent warping and sagging. Housing, trim and lens frame shall be true, straight (unless intentionally curved), and parallel to each other as designed.

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- Wireways and fittings shall be free of burrs and sharp edges, and shall accommodate internal and branch circuit wiring without damage to the wiring.
- 3. When installed, any exposed fixture housing surface, trim frame, door frame, and lens frame shall be free of light leaks.
- 4. Hinged door frames shall operate smoothly without binding. Latches shall function easily by finger action without the use of tools.
- C. Drivers and lamps shall be serviceable while the fixture is in its normally installed position. Drivers shall not be mounted to removable reflectors or wireway covers unless so specified.
- D. Recessed fixtures mounted in an insulated ceiling shall be listed for use in insulated ceilings.
- E. Mechanical Safety: Lighting fixture closures (lens doors, trim frame, hinged housings, etc.) shall be retained in a secure manner by captive screws, chains, aircraft cable, captive hinges, or fasteners such that they cannot be accidentally dislodged during normal operation or routine maintenance.
- F. Metal Finishes:
  - 1. The manufacturer shall apply standard finish (unless otherwise specified) over a corrosion-resistant primer, after cleaning to free the metal surfaces of rust, grease, dirt and other deposits. Edges of pre-finished sheet metal exposed during forming, stamping or shearing processes shall be finished in a similar corrosion resistant manner to match the adjacent surface(s). Fixture finish shall be free of stains or evidence of rusting, blistering, or flaking, and shall be applied after fabrication.
  - Interior light reflecting finishes shall be white with not less than 85 percent reflectances, except where otherwise shown on the drawing.
  - 3. Exterior finishes shall be as shown on the drawings.
- G. Lighting fixtures shall have a specific means for grounding metallic wireways and housings to an equipment grounding conductor.

#### 2.2 EMERGENCY LIGHTING UNIT

A. Complete, self-contained unit with batteries, battery charger, one or more local or remote lamp heads with lamps, under-voltage relay, and test switch.

- 1. Enclosure: Shall be impact-resistant thermoplastic. Enclosure shall be suitable for the environmental conditions in which installed.
- 2. Lamp Heads: Horizontally and vertically adjustable, mounted on the face of the unit, except where otherwise indicated.
- Lamps: Shall be sealed-beam MR-16 halogen, rated not less than 12 watts at the specified DC voltage.
- Battery: Shall be maintenance-free nickel-cadmium. Minimum normal life shall be minimum of 10 years.
- 5. Battery Charger: Dry-type full-wave rectifier with charging rates to maintain the battery in fully-charged condition during normal operation, and to automatically recharge the battery within 12 hours following a 1-1/2 hour continuous discharge.
- Integral Self-Test: Automatically initiates test of unit emergency operation at required intervals. Test failure is annunciated by an integral audible alarm and a flashing LED.

#### 2.3 LED EXIT LIGHT FIXTURES

- A. Exit light fixtures shall meet applicable requirements of NFPA and UL.
- B. Housing and door shall be die-cast aluminum.
- C. For general purpose exit light fixtures, door frame shall be hinged, with latch. For vandal-resistant exit light fixtures, door frame shall be secured with tamper-resistant screws.
- D. Finish shall be satin or fine-grain brushed aluminum.
- E. There shall be no radioactive material used in the fixtures.
- F. Fixtures:
  - Inscription panels shall be cast or stamped aluminum a minimum of 2.25 mm (0.090 inch) thick, stenciled with 150 mm (6 inch) high letters, baked with red color stable plastic or fiberglass. Lamps shall be luminous Light Emitting Diodes (LED) mounted in center of letters on red color stable plastic or fiberglass.
  - 2. Double-Faced Fixtures: Provide double-faced fixtures where required or as shown on drawings.
  - 3. Directional Arrows: Provide directional arrows as part of the inscription panel where required or as shown on drawings. Directional arrows shall be the "chevron-type" of similar size and width as the letters and meet the requirements of NFPA 101.
- G. Voltage: Multi-voltage (120 277V).

#### 2.4 LED LIGHT FIXTURES

### A. General:

- 1. LED light fixtures shall be in accordance with IES, NFPA, UL, as shown on the drawings, and as specified.
- LED light fixtures shall be Reduction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)-compliant.
- 3. LED drivers shall include the following features unless otherwise indicated:
  - a. Minimum efficiency: 85% at full load.
  - b. Minimum Operating Ambient Temperature: -20° C. (-4° F.)
  - c. Input Voltage: 120 277V (±10%) at 60 Hz.
  - d. Integral short circuit, open circuit, and overload protection.
  - e. Power Factor:  $\geq$  0.95.
  - f. Total Harmonic Distortion: ≤ 20%.
  - g. Comply with FCC 47 CFR Part 15.
- LED modules shall include the following features unless otherwise indicated:
  - a. Comply with IES LM-79 and LM-80 requirements.
  - b. Minimum CRI 80 and color temperature 3000° K unless otherwise specified in LIGHTING FIXTURE SCHEDULE.
  - c. Minimum Rated Life: 50,000 hours per IES L70.
  - d. Light output lumens as indicated in the LIGHTING FIXTURE SCHEDULE.
- B. LED Downlights:
  - 1. Housing, LED driver, and LED module shall be products of the same manufacturer.
- C. LED Troffers:
  - LED drivers, modules, and reflector shall be accessible, serviceable, and replaceable from below the ceiling.
  - 2. Housing, LED driver, and LED module shall be products of the same manufacturer.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC, manufacturer's instructions, and as shown on the drawings or specified.
- B. Align, mount, and level the lighting fixtures uniformly.

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- C. Wall-mounted fixtures shall be attached to the studs in the walls, or to a 20 gauge metal backing plate that is attached to the studs in the walls. Lighting fixtures shall not be attached directly to gypsum board.
- D. Lighting Fixture Supports:
  - Shall provide support for all of the fixtures. Supports may be anchored to channels of the ceiling construction, to the structural slab or to structural members within a partition, or above a suspended ceiling.
  - 2. Shall maintain the fixture positions after cleaning and relamping.
  - 3. Shall support the lighting fixtures without causing the ceiling or partition to deflect.
  - 4. Hardware for recessed fixtures:
    - a. Where the suspended ceiling system is supported at the four corners of the fixture opening, hardware devices shall clamp the fixture to the ceiling system structural members, or plaster frame at not less than four points in such a manner as to resist spreading of the support members and safely lock the fixture into the ceiling system.
    - b. Where the suspended ceiling system is not supported at the four corners of the fixture opening, hardware devices shall independently support the fixture from the building structure at four points.
  - 5. Hardware for surface mounting fixtures to suspended ceilings:
    - a. In addition to being secured to any required outlet box, fixtures shall be bolted to a grid ceiling system at four points spaced near the corners of each fixture. The bolts shall be not less than 6 mm (1/4 inch) secured to channel members attached to and spanning the tops of the ceiling structural grid members. Nonturning studs may be attached to the ceiling structural grid members or spanning channels by special clips designed for the purpose, provided they lock into place and require simple tools for removal.
    - b. In addition to being secured to any required outlet box, fixtures shall be bolted to ceiling structural members at four points spaced near the corners of each fixture. Pre-positioned 6 mm (1/4 inch) studs or threaded plaster inserts secured to ceiling

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- 6. Surface mounted lighting fixtures:
  - a. Fixtures shall be bolted against the ceiling independent of the outlet box at four points spaced near the corners of each unit. The bolts (or stud-clips) shall be minimum 6 mm (1/4 inch) bolt, secured to main ceiling runners and/or secured to cross runners. Non-turning studs may be attached to the main ceiling runners and cross runners with special non-friction clip devices designed for the purpose, provided they bolt through the runner, or are also secured to the building structure by 12 gauge safety hangers. Studs or bolts securing fixtures weighing in excess of 25 kg (56 pounds) shall be supported directly from the building structure.
  - b. Where ceiling cross runners are installed for support of lighting fixtures, they must have a carrying capacity equal to that of the main ceiling runners and be rigidly secured to the main runners.
  - c. Fixtures less than 6.8 kg (15 pounds) in weight and occupying less than 3715 sq cm (two square feet) of ceiling area may, when designed for the purpose, be supported directly from the outlet box when all the following conditions are met.
    - Screws attaching the fixture to the outlet box pass through round holes (not key-hole slots) in the fixture body.
    - The outlet box is attached to a main ceiling runner (or cross runner) with approved hardware.
    - The outlet box is supported vertically from the building structure.
  - d. Fixtures mounted in open construction shall be secured directly to the building structure with approved bolting and clamping devices.
- 7. Single or double pendant-mounted lighting fixtures:
  - a. Each stem shall be supported by an approved outlet box mounted swivel joint and canopy which holds the stem captive and provides spring load (or approved equivalent) dampening of fixture oscillations. Outlet box shall be supported vertically from the building structure.

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- 8. Outlet boxes for support of lighting fixtures (where permitted) shall be secured directly to the building structure with approved devices or supported vertically in a hung ceiling from the building structure with a nine gauge wire hanger, and be secured by an approved device to a main ceiling runner or cross runner to prevent any horizontal movement relative to the ceiling.
- E. Furnish and install the new lamps as specified for all lighting fixtures installed under this project, and for all existing lighting fixtures reused under this project.
- F. The electrical and ceiling trades shall coordinate to ascertain that approved lighting fixtures are furnished in the proper sizes and installed with the proper devices (hangers, clips, trim frames, flanges, etc.), to match the ceiling system being installed.
- G. Bond lighting fixtures to the grounding system as specified in Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- H. At completion of project, replace all defective components of the lighting fixtures at no cost to the Government.
- I. Dispose of lamps per requirements of Section 01 74 19, CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT, and Section 02 41 00, DEMOLITION.

### 3.2 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

A. Perform the following:

- 1. Visual Inspection:
  - a. Verify proper operation by operating the lighting controls.
  - b. Visually inspect for damage to fixtures, lenses, reflectors, diffusers, and louvers. Clean fixtures, lenses, reflectors, diffusers, and louvers that have accumulated dust, dirt, or fingerprints during construction.
- 2. Electrical tests:
  - a. Exercise dimming components of the lighting fixtures over full range of dimming capability by operating the control devices(s) in the presence of the COTR. Observe for visually detectable flicker over full dimming range, and replace defective components at no cost to the Government.
  - b. Burn-in all lamps that require specific aging period to operate properly, prior to occupancy by Government. Burn-in period to be 40 hours minimum, unless specifically recommended otherwise by

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# 3.3 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION

A. Upon completion of acceptance checks and tests, the Contractor shall show by demonstration in service that the lighting systems are in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function.

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### SECTION 27 05 11

# REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS

### PART 1 - GENERAL

# 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section includes common requirements to communications installations and applies to all sections of Division 27
- B. Provide completely functioning communications systems.
- c. Comply with VAAR 852.236.91 and FAR clause 52.236-21 in circumstance of a need for additional detail or conflict between drawings, specifications, reference standards or code.

# 1.2 REFERENCES

- A. Abbreviations and Acronyms
  - Refer to http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/sdetail.asp for Division
     00, ARCHITECTURAL ABBREVIATIONS.
  - 2. Additional Abbreviations and Acronyms:

A	Ampere		
AC	Alternating Current		
AE	Architect and Engineer		
AFF	Above Finished Floor		
AHJ	Authority Having Jurisdiction		
ANSI	American National Standards Institute		
AWG	American Wire Gauge (refer to STP and UTP)		
AWS	Advanced Wireless Services		
BCT	Bonding Conductor for Telecommunications (also		
	Telecommunications Bonding Conductor (TBC))		
BDA	Bi-Directional Amplifier		
BICSI	Building Industry Consulting Service International		
BIM	Building Information Modeling		
BOM	Bill of Materials		
BTU	British Thermal Units		
BUCR	Back-up Computer Room		

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BTS	Base Transceiver Station		
CAD	AutoCAD		
CBOPC	Community Based Outpatient Clinic		
CBC	Coupled Bonding Conductor		
CBOC	Community Based Outpatient Clinic (refer to CBOPC,		
	OPC, VAMC)		
CCS	TIP's Cross Connection System (refer to VCCS and		
	HCCS)		
CFE	Contractor Furnished Equipment		
CFM	US Department of Veterans Affairs Office of		
	Construction and Facilities Management		
CFR	Consolidated Federal Regulations		
CIO Communication Information Officer (Facility, VIS			
	Region)		
Cm	Centimeters		
CO	Central Office		
COR	Contracting Officer Representative		
CPU	Central Processing Unit		
CSU	Customer Service Unit		
CUP	Conditional Use Permit(s) - Federal/GSA for VA		
dB	Decibel		
dBm	Decibel Measured		
dBmV	Decibel per milli-Volt		
DC	Direct Current		
DEA	United States Drug Enforcement Administration		
DSU	Data Service Unit		
EBC	Equipment Bonding Conductor		
ECC	Engineering Control Center (refer to DCR, EMCR)		
EDGE	Enhanced Data (Rates) for GSM Evolution		
EDM	Electrical Design Manual		
EMCR	Emergency Management Control Room (refer to DCR, ECC)		

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EMI	Electromagnetic Interference (refer to RFI)			
EMS	Emergency Medical Service			
EMT	Electrical Metallic Tubing or thin wall conduit			
ENTR	Utilities Entrance Location (refer to DEMARC, POTS,			
	LEC)			
EPBX	Electronic Digital Private Branch Exchange			
ESR	Vendor's Engineering Service Report			
FA	Fire Alarm			
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulations in Chapter 1 of Title			
	48 of Code of Federal Regulations			
FMS	VA's Headquarters or Medical Center Facility's			
	Management Service			
FR	Frequency (refer to RF)			
FTS	Federal Telephone Service			
GFE	Government Furnished Equipment			
GPS	Global Positioning System			
GRC	Galvanized Rigid Metal Conduit			
GSM	Global System (Station) for Mobile			
HCCS	TIP's Horizontal Cross Connection System (refer to			
	CCS & VCCS)			
HDPE	High Density Polyethylene Conduit			
HDTV	Advanced Television Standards Committee High-			
	Definition Digital Television			
HEC	Head End Cabinets(refer to HEIC, PA)			
HEIC	Head End Interface Cabinets (refer to HEC, PA)			
HF	High Frequency (Radio Band; Re FR, RF, VHF & UHF)			
HSPA	High Speed Packet Access			
HZ	Hertz			
IBT	Intersystem Bonding Termination (NEC 250.94)			
IC	Intercom			
ICRA	Infectious Control Risk Assessment			

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IDEN	Integrated Digital Enhanced Network		
IDC	Insulation Displacement Contact		
IDF	Intermediate Distribution Frame		
ILSM	Interim Life Safety Measures		
IMC	Rigid Intermediate Steel Conduit		
IRM	Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Information		
	Resources Management		
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network		
ISM	Industrial, Scientific, Medical		
IWS	Intra-Building Wireless System		
LAN	Local Area Network		
LBS	Location Based Services, Leased Based Systems		
LEC	Local Exchange Carrier (refer to DEMARC, PBX & POTS)		
LED	Light Emitting Diode		
LMR	Land Mobile Radio		
LTE Long Term Evolution, or 4G Standard for Wireless			
	Communications Technology		
М	Meter		
MAS	Medical Administration Service		
MATV	Master Antenna Television		
MCR	Main Computer Room		
MCOR	Main Computer Operators Room		
MDF	Main Distribution Frame		
MH	Manholes or Maintenance Holes		
MHz	Megaherts (10 <sup>6</sup> Hz)		
mm	Millimeter		
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding		
MW	Microwave (RF Band, Equipment or Services)		
NID	Network Interface Device (refer to DEMARC)		
NEC	National Electric Code		
NOR	Network Operations Room		

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NRTL	OSHA Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory			
NS	Nurse Stations			
NTIA	U.S. Department of Commerce National			
	Telecommunications and Information Administration			
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer			
OI&T	Office of Information and Technology			
OPC	VA's Outpatient Clinic (refer to CBOC, VAMC)			
OSH	Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Occupational			
	Safety and Health			
OSHA	United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety			
	and Health Administration			
OTDR	Optical Time-Domain Reflectometer			
PA	Public Address System (refer to HE, HEIC, RPEC)			
PBX	Private Branch Exchange (refer to DEMARC, LEC, POTS)			
PCR	Police Control Room (refer to SPCC, could be			
	designated SCC)			
PCS	Personal Communications Service (refer to UPCS)			
PE	Professional Engineer			
PM	Project Manager			
PoE	Power over Ethernet			
POTS	Plain Old Telephone Service (refer to DEMARC, LEC,			
	PBX)			
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network			
PSRAS	Public Safety Radio Amplification Systems			
PTS	Pay Telephone Station			
PVC	Poly-Vinyl Chloride			
PWR	Power (in Watts)			
RAN	Radio Access Network			
RBB	Rack Bonding Busbar			
RE	Resident Engineer or Senior Resident Engineer			
RF	Radio Frequency (refer to FR)			

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RFI	Radio Frequency Interference (refer to EMI)			
RFID	RF Identification (Equipment, System or Personnel)			
RMC	Rigid Metal Conduit			
RMU	Rack Mounting Unit			
RPEC	Radio Paging Equipment Cabinets(refer to HEC, HEIC,			
	PA)			
RTLS	Real Time Location Service or System			
RUS	Rural Utilities Service			
SCC	Security Control Console (refer to PCR, SPCC)			
SMCS	Spectrum Management and Communications Security			
	(COMSEC)			
SFO	Solicitation for Offers			
SME	Subject Matter Experts (refer to AHJ)			
SMR	Specialized Mobile Radio			
SMS	Security Management System			
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol			
SPCC	Security Police Control Center (refer to PCR, SMS)			
STP	Shielded Balanced Twisted Pair (refer to UTP)			
STR	Stacked Telecommunications Room			
TAC	VA's Technology Acquisition Center, Austin, Texas			
TCO	Telecommunications Outlet			
TER	Telephone Equipment Room			
TGB	Telecommunications Grounding Busbar (also Secondary			
	Bonding Busbar (SBB))			
TIP	Telecommunications Infrastructure Plant			
TMGB	Telecommunications Main Grounding Busbar (also			
	Primary Bonding Busbar (PBB))			
TMS	Traffic Management System			
TOR	Telephone Operators Room			
TP	Balanced Twisted Pair (refer to STP and UTP)			
TR	Telecommunications Room (refer to STR)			

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TWP	Twisted Pair		
UHF	Ultra High Frequency (Radio)		
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunications System		
UPCS	Unlicensed Personal Communications Service (refer to		
	PCS)		
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply		
USC	United States Code		
UTP	Unshielded Balanced Twisted Pair (refer to TP and		
	STP)		
UV	Ultraviolet		
V	Volts		
VAAR	Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation		
VACO	Veterans Affairs Central Office		
VAMC	VA Medical Center (refer to CBOC, OPC, VACO)		
VCCS	TIP's Vertical Cross Connection System (refer to CCS		
	and HCCS)		
VHF	Very High Frequency (Radio)		
VISN	Veterans Integrated Services Network (refers to		
	geographical region)		
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Radio		
W	Watts		
WEB	World Electronic Broadcast		
WiMAX	Worldwide Interoperability (for MW Access)		
WI-FI	Wireless Fidelity		
WMTS	Wireless Medical Telemetry Service		
WSP	Wireless Service Providers		

- B. Definitions:
  - Access Floor: Pathway system of removable floor panels supported on adjustable pedestals to allow cable placement in area below.

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- BNC Connector (BNC): United States Military Standard MIL-C-39012/21 bayonet-type coaxial connector with quick twist mating/unmating, and two lugs preventing accidental disconnection from pulling forces on cable.
- 3. Bond: Permanent joining of metallic parts to form an electrically conductive path to ensure electrical continuity and capacity to safely conduct any currents likely to be imposed to earth ground.
- 4. Bundled Microducts: All forms of jacketed microducts.
- 5. Conduit: Includes all raceway types specified.
- 6. Conveniently Accessible: Capable of being reached without use of ladders, or without climbing or crawling under or over obstacles such as, motors, pumps, belt guards, transformers, piping, ductwork, conduit and raceways.
- 7. Distributed (in house) Antenna System (DAS): An Emergency Radio Communications System installed for Emergency Responder (or first responders and Government personnel) use while inside facility to maintain contact with each respective control point; refer to Section 27 53 19, DISTRIBUTED RADIO ANTENNA (WITHIN BUILDING) EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS.
- 8. DEMARC, Extended DMARC or ENTR: Service provider's main point of demarcation owned by LEC or service provider and establishes a physical point where service provider's responsibilities for service and maintenance end. This point is called NID, in data networks.
- 9. Effectively Grounded: Intentionally bonded to earth through connections of low impedance having current carrying capacity to prevent buildup of currents and voltages resulting in hazard to equipment or persons.
- 10. Electrical Supervision: Analyzing a system's function and components (i.e. cable breaks / shorts, inoperative stations, lights, LEDs and states of change, from primary to backup) on

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- 11. Electrostatic Interference (ESI) or Electrostatic Discharge Interference: Refer to EMI and RFI.
- 12. Emergency Call Systems: Wall units (in parking garages and stairwells) and pedestal mounts (in parking lots) typically provided with a strobe, camera and two-way audio communication functions.
- 13. Project 25 (2014) (P25 (TIA-102 Series)): Set of standards for local, state and Federal public safety organizations and agencies digital LMR services. P25 is applicable to LMR equipment authorized or licensed under the US Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration or FCC rules and regulations, and is a required standard capability for all LMR equipment and systems.
- 14. Grounding Electrode Conductor: (GEC) Conductor connected to earth grounding electrode.
- 15. Grounding Electrode System: Electrodes through which an effective connection to earth is established, including supplementary, communications system grounding electrodes and GEC.
- 16. Grounding Equalizer or Backbone Bonding Conductor (BBC): Conductor that interconnects elements of telecommunications grounding infrastructure.
- 17. Head End (HE): Equipment, hardware and software, or a master facility at originating point in a communications system designed for centralized communications control, signal processing, and distribution that acts as a common point of connection between equipment and devices connected to a network of interconnected equipment, possessing

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- 18. Microducts: All forms of air blown fiber pathways.
- 19. Ohm: A unit of restive measurement.
- 20. Received Signal Strength Indication (RSSI): A measurement of power present in a received RF signal.
- 21. Service Provider Demarcation Point (SPDP): Not owned by LEC or service provider, but designated by Government as point within facility considered the DEMARC.
- 22. Sound (SND): Changing air pressure to audible signals over given time span.
- 23. System: Specific hardware, firmware, and software, functioning together as a unit, performing task for which it was designed.
- 24. Telecommunications Bonding Backbone (TBB): Conductors of appropriate size (minimum 53.49 mm2 [1/0 AWG]) stranded copper wire, that connect to Grounding Electrode System and route to telecommunications main grounding busbar (TMGB) and circulate to interconnect various TGBs and other locations shown on drawings.
- 25. Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP): A telephone system in which voice signals are converted to packets and transmitted over LAN network using Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)/Internet Protocol (IP). VA'S VoIP is not listed or coded for life and public safety, critical, emergency or other protection functions. When VoIP system or equipment is provided instead of PBX system or equipment, each TR (STR) and DEMARC requires increased AC power provided to compensate for loss of PBX's telephone instrument line power; and, to compensate for absence of PBX's UPS capability.
- 26. Wide Area Network (WAN): A digital network that transcends localized LANs within a given geographic location. VA'S

WAN/LAN is not nationally listed or coded for life and public safety, critical, emergency or other safety functions.

### 1.3 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Applicability of Standards: Unless documents include more stringent requirements, applicable construction industry standards have same force and effect as if bound or copied directly into the documents to extent referenced. Such standards are made a part of these documents by reference.
  - 1. Each entity engaged in construction must be familiar with industry standards applicable to its construction activity.
  - Obtain standards directly from publication source, where copies of standards are needed to perform a required construction activity.
- B. Government Codes, Standards and Executive Orders: Refer to <u>http://www.cfm.va.gov/TIL/cPro.asp</u>:

1.	Federal Communica	tions Commission, (FCC) CFR, Title 47:
	Part 15	Restrictions of use for Part 15 listed RF
		Equipment in Safety of Life Emergency
		Functions and Equipment Locations
	Part 47	Chapter A, Paragraphs 6.1-6.23, Access to
		Telecommunications Service,
		Telecommunications Equipment and Customer
		Premises Equipment
	Part 58	Television Broadcast Service
	Part 73	Radio and Television Broadcast Rules
	Part 90	Rules and Regulations, Appendix C
	Form 854	Antenna Structure Registration
	Chapter XXIII	National Telecommunications and Information
		Administration (NTIA, P/O Commerce, Chapter

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XXIII) the 'Red Book'- Chapters 7, 8 & 9

compliments CFR, Title 47, FCC Part 15, RF

				Restriction of Use and Compliance in
				"Safety of Life" Functions & Locations
2.	US I	Depart	tment of Ag	griculture, (Title 7, USC, Chapter 55,
	Sect	cions	2201, 2202	2 & 2203:RUS 1755 Telecommunications
	Star	ndards	s and Spect	ifications for Materials, Equipment and
	Cons	struct	cion:	
	RUS	Bull	1751F-630	Design of Aerial Cable Plants
	RUS	Bull	1751F-640	Design of Buried Cable Plant, Physical
				Considerations
	RUS	Bull	1751F-643	Underground Plant Design
	RUS	Bull	1751F-815	Electrical Protection of Outside Plants,
	RUS	Bull	1753F-201	Acceptance Tests of Telecommunications
				Plants (PC-4)
	RUS	Bull	1753F-401	Splicing Copper and Fiber Optic Cables (PC-
				2)
	RUS	Bull	345-50	Trunk Carrier Systems (PE-60)
	RUS	Bull	345-65	Shield Bonding Connectors (PE-65)
	RUS	Bull	345-72	Filled Splice Closures (PE-74)
	RUS	Bull	345-83	Gas Tube Surge Arrestors (PE-80)
3.	US I	Depart	tment of Co	ommerce/National Institute of Standards
	Tech	nnolog	gy,(NIST):	
	FIPS	S PUB	1-1	Telecommunications Information Exchange
	FIPS	S PUB	100/1	Interface between Data Terminal Equipment
				(DTE) Circuit Terminating Equipment for
				operation with Packet Switched Networks, or
				Between Two DTEs, by Dedicated Circuit
	FIPS	S PUB	140/2	Telecommunications Information Security
				Algorithms
	FIPS	S PUB	143	General Purpose 37 Position Interface
				between DTE and Data Circuit Terminating
				Equipment
	FIPS	5 160,	/2	Electronic Data Interchange (EDI),

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FIPS	175	Federal Building Standard for
		Telecommunications Pathway and Spaces
FIPS	191	Guideline for the Analysis of Local Area
		Network Security
FIPS	197	Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
FIPS	199	Standards for Security Categorization of
		Federal Information and Information Systems

- 4. US Department of Defense, (DoD):
  - MIL-STD-188-110 Interoperability and Performance Standards for Data Modems
  - MIL-STD-188-114 Electrical Characteristics of Digital Interface Circuits
  - MIL-STD-188-115 Communications Timing and Synchronizations Subsystems
  - MIL-C-28883 Advanced Narrowband Digital Voice Terminals
    MIL-C-39012/21 Connectors, Receptacle, Electrical,
    Coaxial, Radio Frequency, (Series BNC
    (Uncabled), Socket Contact, Jam Nut
    Mounted, Class 2)
- 5. US Department of Health and Human Services: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy, Security and Breach Notification Rules
- US Department of Justice:
   2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design (ADAAD).
- 7. US Department of Labor, (DoL) Public Law 426-62 CFR, Title 29, Part 1910, Chapter XVII - Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Occupational Safety and Health Standards): Subpart 7 Approved NRTLs; obtain a copy at <u>https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/nrtllis</u>

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Subpart	35	Compliance with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code
Subpart	36	Design and Construction Requirements for
		Exit Routes
Subpart	268	Telecommunications
Subpart	305	Wiring Methods, Components, and Equipment
		for General Use
Subpart	508	Americans with Disabilities Act
		Accessibility Guidelines; technical
		requirement for accessibility to buildings
		and facilities by individuals with
		disabilities

- 8. US Department of Transportation, (DoT):
  - a. Public Law 85-625, CFR, Title 49, Part 1, Subpart C –
    Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):AC 110/460-ID & AC
    707 / 460-2E Advisory Circulars Standards for
    Construction of Antenna Towers, and 7450 and 7460-2 –
    Antenna Construction Registration Forms.
- 9. US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Office of Telecommunications (OI&T), MP-6, PART VIII, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, CHAPTER 5, AUDIO, RADIO AND TELEVISION (and COMSEC) COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS: Spectrum Management and COMSEC Service (SMCS), AHJ for:
  - a. CoG, "Continuance of Government" communications guidelines and compliance.
  - b. COMSEC, "VA wide coordination and control of security classified communication assets."
  - c. COOP, "Continuance of Operations" emergency communications guidelines and compliance.
  - d. FAA, FCC, and US Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration, "VA wide RF Co-ordination, Compliance and Licensing."

- e. Handbook 6100 Telecommunications: Cyber and Information Security Office of Cyber and Information Security, and Handbook 6500 - Information Security Program.
- f. Low Voltage Special Communications Systems "Design, Engineering, Construction Contract Specifications and Drawings Conformity, Proof of Performance Testing, VA Compliance and Life Safety Certifications for CFM and VA Facility Low Voltage Special Communications Projects (except Fire Alarm, Telephone and Data Systems)."
- g. SATCOM, "Satellite Communications" guidelines and compliance, and Security and Law Enforcement Systems -"Coordinates the Design, Engineering, Construction Contract Specifications and Drawings Conformity, Proof of Performance Testing, VA Compliance, DEA and Public Safety Certification(s) for CFM and VA Facility Security Low Voltage Special Communications and Physical Security Projects.
- h. VHA's National Center for Patient Safety Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Warning System, Failure of Medical Alarm Systems using Paging Technology to Notify Clinical Staff, July 2004.
- i. VA's CEOSH, concurrence with warning identified in VA Directive 7700.
- j. Wireless and Handheld Devices, "Guidelines and Compliance,"
- k. Office of Security and Law Enforcement: VA Directive 0730 and Health Special Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12.
- C. NRTL Standards: Refer to https://www.osha.gov/lawsregs/regulations/standardnumber/1926
  - Canadian Standards Association (CSA); same tests as presented by UL
  - Communications Certifications Laboratory (CEL); same tests as presented by UL.

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- 3. Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., (ITSNA), formerly Edison Testing Laboratory (ETL) same tests as presented by UL).
- 4. Underwriters Laboratory (UL):

1-2005	Flexible Metal Conduit
5-2011	Surface Metal Raceway and Fittings
6-2007	Rigid Metal Conduit
44-010	Thermoset-Insulated Wires and Cables
50-1995	Enclosures for Electrical Equipment
65-2010	Wired Cabinets
83-2008	Thermoplastic-Insulated Wires and Cables
96-2005	Lightning Protection Components
96A-2007	Installation Requirements for Lightning
	Protection Systems
360-2013	Liquid-Tight Flexible Steel Conduit
444-2008	Communications Cables
467-2013	Grounding and Bonding Equipment
486A-486B-2013	Wire Connectors
486C-2013	Splicing Wire Connectors
486D-2005	Sealed Wire Connector Systems
486E-2009	Standard for Equipment Wiring Terminals for
	Use with Aluminum and/or Copper Conductors
493-2007	Thermoplastic-Insulated Underground Feeder
	and Branch Circuit Cable
497/497A/497B/497C	
497D/497E	Protectors for Paired
	Conductors/Communications Circuits/Data
	Communications and Fire Alarm
	Circuits/coaxial circuits/voltage
	protections/Antenna Lead In
510-2005	Polyvinyl Chloride, Polyethylene and Rubber
	Insulating Tape
514A-2013	Metallic Outlet Boxes

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514B-2012	Fittings for Cable and Conduit
514C-1996	Nonmetallic Outlet Boxes, Flush-Device
	Boxes and Covers
651-2011	Schedule 40 and 80 Rigid PVC Conduit
651A-2011	Type EB and A Rigid PVC Conduit and HDPE
	Conduit
797-2007	Electrical Metallic Tubing
884-2011	Underfloor Raceways and Fittings
1069-2007	Hospital Signaling and Nurse Call Equipment
1242-2006	Intermediate Metal Conduit
1449-2006	Standard for Transient Voltage Surge
	Suppressors
1479-2003	Fire Tests of Through-Penetration Fire
Stops	
1480-2003	Speaker Standards for Fire Alarm,
	Emergency, Commercial and Professional use
1666-2007	Standard for Wire/Cable Vertical (Riser)
	Tray Flame Tests
1685-2007	Vertical Tray Fire Protection and Smoke
	Release Test for Electrical and Fiber Optic
	Cables
1861-2012	Communication Circuit Accessories
1863-2013	Standard for Safety, communications
	Circuits Accessories
1865-2007	Standard for Safety for Vertical-Tray Fire
	Protection and Smoke-Release Test for
	Electrical and Optical-Fiber Cables
2024-2011	Standard for Optical Fiber Raceways
2024-2014	Standard for Cable Routing Assemblies and
	Communications Raceways
2196-2001	Standard for Test of Fire Resistive Cable
60950-1 ed. 2-2014	Information Technology Equipment Safety

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D.	D. Industry Standards:			
	1.	Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC):		
		A/53 Part 1: 2013	ATSC Digital Television Standard, Part 1,	
			Digital Television System	
		A/53 Part 2: 2011	ATSC Digital Television Standard, Part 2,	
			RF/Transmission System Characteristics	
		A/53 Part 3: 2013	ATSC Digital Television Standard, Part 3,	
			Service Multiplex and Transport System	
			Characteristics	
		A/53 Part 4: 2009	ATSC Digital Television Standard, Part 4,	
			MPEG-2 Video System Characteristics	
		A/53 Part 5: 2014	ATSC Digital Television Standard, Part 5,	
			AC-3 Audio System Characteristics	
		A/53 Part 6: 2014	ATSC digital Television Standard, Part 6,	
			Enhanced AC-3 Audio System Characteristics	
	2.	American Institute	of Architects (AIA): 2006 Guidelines for	
		Design & Construct	ion of Health Care Facilities.	
	3.	American Society o	f Mechanical Engineers (ASME):	
		A17.1 (2013)	Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators	
			Includes Requirements for Elevators,	
			Escalators, Dumbwaiters, Moving Walks,	
			Material Lifts, and Dumbwaiters with	
			Automatic Transfer Devices	
		17.3 (2011)	Safety Code for Existing Elevators and	
			Escalators	
		17.4 (2009)	Guide for Emergency Personnel	
		17.5 (2011)	Elevator and Escalator Electrical Equipment	
	4.	American Society f	or Testing and Materials (ASTM):	
		B1 (2001)	Standard Specification for Hard-Drawn	
			Copper Wire	

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Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort 56,000 ft-lbf/ft3 (2,700 kN-m/m3)

- D2301 (2004) Standard Specification for Vinyl Chloride Plastic Pressure Sensitive Electrical Insulating Tape
- B258-02 (2008) Standard Specification for Standard Nominal Diameters and Cross-Sectional Areas of AWG Sizes of Solid Round Wires Used as Electrical Conductors
- D709-01(2007) Standard Specification for Laminated Thermosetting Materials
- D4566 (2008) Standard Test Methods for Electrical Performance Properties of Insulations and Jackets for Telecommunications Wire and Cable
- 5. American Telephone and Telegraph Corporation (AT&T) Obtain following AT&T Publications at https://ebiznet.sbc.com/sbcnebs/ ATT-TP-76200 (2013)Network Equipment and Power Grounding,

Environmental, and Physical Design Requirements

ATT-TP-76300(2012) Merged AT&T Affiliate Companies Installation Requirements

ATT-TP-76305 (2013)Common Systems Cable and Wire Installation and Removal Requirements - Cable Racks and Raceways

ATT-TP-76306 (2009) Electrostatic Discharge Control

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ATT-TP-76400 (2012) Detail Engineering Requirements ATT-TP-76402 (2013) AT&T Raised Access Floor Engineering and Installation Requirements ATT-TP-76405 (2011) Technical Requirements for Supplemental Cooling Systems in Network Equipment Environments ATT-TP-76416 (2011) Grounding and Bonding Requirements for Network Facilities ATT-TP-76440 (2005) Ethernet Specification ATT-TP-76450 (2013) Common Systems Equipment Interconnection Standards for AT&T Network Equipment Spaces ATT-TP-76461 (2008) Fiber Optic Cleaning ATT-TP-76900 (2010) AT&T Installation Testing Requirement ATT-TP-76911 (1999) AT&T LEC Technical Publication Notice 6. British Standards Institution (BSI): BS EN 50109-2 Hand Crimping Tools - Tools for The Crimp Termination of Electric Cables and Wires for Low Frequency and Radio Frequency Applications - All Parts & Sections. October 1997 7. Building Industry Consulting Service International (BICSI): ANSI/BICSI 002-2011Data Center Design and Implementation Best Practices ANSI/BICSI 004-2012Information Technology Systems Design and Implementation Best Practices for Healthcare Institutions and Facilities ANSI/NECA/BICSI 568-2006 Standard for Installing Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling NECA/BICSI 607-2011Standard for Telecommunications Bonding and Grounding Planning and Installation Methods for Commercial Buildings

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ANSI/BICSI 005-2013 Electronic Safety and Security (ESS) System Design and Implementation Best Practices 8. Electronic Components Assemblies and Materials Association, (ECA). ECA EIA/RS-270 (1973) Tools, Crimping, Solderless Wiring Devices - Recommended Procedures for User Certification EIA/ECA 310-E (2005) Cabinets, and Associated Equipment 9. Facility Guidelines Institute: 2010 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities. 10. Insulated Cable Engineers Association (ICEA): ANSI/ICEA S-80-576-2002 Category 1 & 2 Individually Unshielded Twisted-Pair Indoor Cables for Use in Communications Wiring Systems ANSI/ICEA S-84-608-2010 Telecommunications Cable, Filled Polyolefin Insulated Copper Conductor, S-87-640(2011) Optical Fiber Outside Plant Communications Cable ANSI/ICEA S-90-661-2012 Category 3, 5, & 5e Individually Unshielded Twisted-Pair Indoor Cable for Use in General Purpose and LAN Communication Wiring Systems S-98-688 (2012) Broadband Twisted Pair Cable Aircore, Polyolefin Insulated, Copper Conductors Broadband Twisted Pair Cable Filled, S-99-689 (2012) Polyolefin Insulated, Copper Conductors ICEA S-102-700

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Category 6 Individually Unshielded Twisted (2004)Pair Indoor Cables (With or Without an Overall Shield) for use in Communications Wiring Systems Technical Requirements 11. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE): ISSN 0739-5175 March-April 2008 Engineering in Medicine and Biology Magazine, IEEE (Volume: 27, Issue:2) Medical Grade-Mission Critical-Wireless Networks IEEE C2-2012 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) C62.41.2-2002/ Recommended Practice on Characterization of Cor 1-2012 IEEE Surges in Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits 4) C62.45-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice on Surge Testing for Equipment Connected to Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits 81-2012 IEEE Guide for Measuring Earth Resistivity, Ground Impedance, and Earth Surface Potentials of a Grounding System IEEE the New IEEE Standards Dictionary of 100-1992 Electrical and Electronics Terms IEEE Recommended Practice for Electric 602-2007 Systems in Health Care Facilities 1100-2005 IEEE Recommended Practice for Powering and Grounding Electronic Equipment 12. International Code Council: AC193 (2014) Mechanical Anchors in Concrete Elements 13. International Organization for Standardization (ISO): ISO/TR 21730 (2007) Use of Mobile Wireless Communication and Computing Technology in Healthcare

Facilities - Recommendations for

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Electromagnetic Compatibility (Management of Unintentional Electromagnetic Interference) with Medical Devices 14. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA): NEMA 250 (2008) Enclosures for Electrical Equipment (1,000V Maximum) ANSI C62.61 (1993) American National Standard for Gas Tube Surge Arresters on Wire Line Telephone Circuits ANSI/NEMA FB 1 (2012) Fittings, Cast Metal Boxes and Conduit Bodies for Conduit, Electrical Metallic Tubing EMT) and Cable ANSI/NEMA OS 1 (2009)Sheet-Steel Outlet Boxes, Device Boxes, Covers, and Box Supports NEMA SB 19 (R2007) NEMA Installation Guide for Nurse Call Systems TC 3 (2004) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Fittings for Use with Rigid PVC Conduit and Tubing NEMA VE 2 (2006) Cable Tray Installation Guidelines 15. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70E-2021 Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace 70-2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) National Fire Alarm Code 72-2019 75-2019 Standard for the Fire Protection of Information Technological Equipment 76-2021 Recommended Practice for the Fire Protection of Telecommunications Facilities 77-2020 Recommended Practice on Static Electricity 90A-2021 Standard for the Installation of Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems 99-2021 Health Care Facilities Code

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	101-2021	Life Safety Code
	241	Safeguarding construction, alternation and
		Demolition Operations
	255-2006	Standard Method of Test of Surface Burning
		Characteristics of Building Materials
	262 - 2011	Standard Method of Test for Flame Travel
		and Smoke of Wires and Cables for Use in
		Air-Handling Spaces
	780-2014	Standard for the Installation of Lightning
		Protection Systems
	1221-2013	Standard for the Installation, Maintenance,
		and Use of Emergency Services
		Communications Systems
	5000-2015	Building Construction and Safety Code
16.	Society for Protect	tive Coatings (SSPC):
	SSPC SP 6/NACE No.3	3 (2007) Commercial Blast Cleaning
17.	Society of Cable Te	elecommunications Engineers (SCTE):
	ANSI/SCTE 15 2006	Specification for Trunk, Feeder and
		Distribution Coaxial Cable
18.	Telecommunications	Industry Association (TIA):
	TIA-120 Series	Telecommunications Land Mobile
		communications (APCO/Project 25) (January
		2014)
	TIA TSB-140	Additional Guidelines for Field-Testing
		Length, Loss and Polarity of Optical Fiber
		Cabling Systems (2004)
	TIA-155	Guidelines for the Assessment and
		Mitigation of Installed Category 6 Cabling
		to Support 10GBASE-T (2010)
	TIA TSB-162-A	Telecommunications Cabling Guidelines for
		Wireless Access Points (2013)

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TIA-222-G	Structural Standard for Antenna Supporting
	Structures and Antennas (2014)
TIA/EIA-423-B	Electrical Characteristics of Unbalanced
	Voltage Digital Interface Circuits (2012)
TIA-455-C	General Requirements for Standard Test
	Procedures for Optical Fibers, Cables,
	Transducers, Sensors, Connecting and
	Terminating Devices, and other Fiber Optic
	Components (August 2014)
TIA-455-53-A	FOTP-53 Attenuation by Substitution
	Measurements for Multimode Graded-Index
	Optical Fibers in Fiber Assemblies (Long
	Length) (September 2001)
TIA-455-61-A	FOTP-61 Measurement of Fiber of Cable
	Attenuation Using an OTDR (July 2003)
TIA-472D000-B	Fiber Optic Communications Cable for
	Outside Plant Use (July 2007)
ANSI/TIA-492-B	62.5-µ Core Diameter/125-um Cladding
	Diameter Class 1a Graded-Index Multimode
	Optical Fibers (November 2009)
ANSI/TIA-492AAAB-A	50-um Core Diameter/125-um Cladding
	Diameter Class IA Graded-Index Multimode
	Optically Optimized American Standard
	Fibers (November 2009)
TIA-492CAAA	Detail Specification for Class IVa
	Dispersion- Unshifted Single-Mode Optical
	Fibers (September 2002)
TIA-492E000	Sectional Specification for Class IVd
	Nonzero- Dispersion Single-Mode Optical
	Fibers for the 1,550 nm Window (September
	2002)

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TIA-526-7-B	Measurement of Optical Power Loss of
	Installed Single-Mode Fiber Cable Plant -
	OFSTP-7 (December 2008)
TIA-526.14-A	Optical Power Loss Measurements of
	Installed Multimode Fiber Cable Plant -
	SFSTP-14 (August 1998)
TIA-568	Revision/Edition: C Commercial Building
	Telecommunications Cabling Standard Set:
	(TIA-568-C.0-2 Generic Telecommunications
	Cabling for Customer Premises (2012), TIA-
	568-C.1-1 Commercial Building
	Telecommunications Cabling Standard Part 1:
	General Requirements (2012), TIA-568-C.2
	Commercial Building Telecommunications
	Cabling Standard-Part 2: Balanced Twisted
	Pair Cabling Components (2009), TIA-568-
	C.3-1 Optical Fiber Cabling Components
	Standard, (2011) AND TIA-568-C.4 Broadband
	Coaxial Cabling and Components Standard
	(2011) with addendums and erratas
TIA-569	Revision/Edition C Telecommunications
	Pathways and Spaces (March 2013)
TIA-574	Position Non-Synchronous Interface between
	Data Terminal equipment and Data Circuit
	Terminating Equipment Employing Serial
	Binary Interchange (May 2003)
TIA/EIA-590-A	Standard for Physical Location and
	Protection of Below Ground Fiber Optic
	Cable Plant (July 2001)
TIA-598-D	Optical Fiber Cable Color Coding (January
	2005)

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TIA-604-10-B	Fiber Optic Connector Intermateablility
	Standard (August 2008)
ANSI/TIA-606-B	Administration Standard for
	Telecommunications Infrastructure (2012)
TIA-607-B	Generic Telecommunications Bonding and
	Grounding (Earthing) For Customer Premises
	(January 2013)
TIA-613	High Speed Serial Interface for Data
	Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit
	Terminal Equipment (September 2005)
ANSI/TIA-758-B	Customer-owned Outside Plant
	Telecommunications Infrastructure Standard
	(April 2012)
ANSI/TIA-854	A Full Duplex Ethernet Specification for
	1000 Mb/s (1000BASE-TX) Operating over
	Category 6 Balanced Twisted-Pair Cabling
	(2001)
ANSI/TIA-862-A	Building Automation Systems Cabling
	Standard (April 2011)
TIA-942-A	Telecommunications Infrastructure Standard
	for Data Centers (March 2014)
TIA-1152	Requirements for Field Testing Instruments
	and Measurements for Balanced Twisted Pair
	Cabling (September 2009)
TIA-1179	Healthcare Facility Telecommunications
	Infrastructure Standard (July 2010)

# 1.4 SINGULAR NUMBER

A. Where any device or part of equipment is referred in singular number (such as " rack"), reference applies to as many such devices as are required to complete installation.

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#### 1.5 RELATED WORK

- A. Specification Order of Precedence: FAR Clause 52.236-21, VAAR Clause 852.236-71.
  - 1. Field Cutting and Patching: Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
  - 2. Additional submittal requirements: Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES.
  - 3. Availability and source of references and standards specified in applicable publications: Section 01 42 19, REFERENCE STANDARDS.
  - Control of environmental pollution and damage for air, water, and land resources: Section 01 57 19, TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS.
  - Requirements for non-hazardous building construction and demolition waste: Section 01 74 19, CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT.
  - 6. General requirements and procedures to comply with various federal mandates and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) policies for sustainable design: Section 01 81 13,SUSTAINABLE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.
  - 7. Closures of openings in walls, floors, and roof decks against penetration of flame, heat, and smoke or gases in fire resistant rated construction: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
  - Sealant and caulking materials and their application: Section
    07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
  - 9. General electrical requirements that are common to more than one section of Division 26: Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
  - 10. Electrical conductors and cables in electrical systems rated 600 V and below: Section 26 05 21, LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW).
  - 11. Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path to ground for possible ground fault currents:

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- 12. Conduit and boxes: Section 26 05 33, RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- 13. Wiring devices: Section 26 27 26, WIRING DEVICES.
- 14. Underground ducts, raceways, precast manholes and pull boxes: Section 26 05 41, UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION.
- 15. Lightning protection: Section 26 41 00, FACILITY LIGHTNING PROTECTION.
- 16. General requirements common to more than one section in Division 28: Section 28 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.
- 17. Conductors and cables for electronic safety and security systems: Section 28 05 13, CONDUCTORS AND CABLES FOR ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.
- 18. Low impedance path to ground for electronic safety and security system ground fault currents: Section 28 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR SECURITY SYSTEMS.
- 19. Conduits and partitioned telecommunications raceways for Electronic Safety and Security systems: Section 28 05 28.33, CONDUITS AND BACK BOXES FOR ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.
- 20. Physical Access Control System field-installed controllers connected by data transmission network: Section 28 13 00, PHYSICAL ACCESS DETECTION.
- 21. Detection and screening systems: Section 28 13 53, SECURITY ACCESS DETECTION.
- 22. Intrusion sensors and detection devices, and communication links to perform monitoring, alarm, and control functions: Section 28 16 11, INTRUSION DETECTION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS.
- 23. Video surveillance system cameras, data transmission wiring, and control stations with associated equipment: Section 28 23 00, VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS.

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- 24. Duress-panic alarms, emergency phones or call boxes, intercom systems, data transmission wiring and associated equipment: Section 28 26 00, ELECTRONIC PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS.
- 25. Alarm initiating devices, alarm notification appliances, control units, fire safety control devices, annunciators, power supplies, and wiring: Section 28 31 00, FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM.
- 26. Emergency Call telephones, intercom systems, with blue strobe light and equipment: Section 28 52 31, SECURITY EMERGENCY CALL/DURESS ALARM/COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND EQUIPMENT.

### 1.6 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Assign a single communications project manager to serve as point of contact for Government, contractor, and design professional.
- B. Be proactive in scheduling work.
  - 1. Use of premises is restricted at times directed by COR.
  - Movement of materials: Unload materials and equipment delivered to site. Pay costs for rigging, hoisting, lowering and moving equipment on and around site, in building or on roof.
  - Coordinate installation of required supporting devices and sleeves to be set in poured-in-place concrete and other structural components, as they are constructed.
  - 4. Sequence, coordinate, and integrate installations of materials and equipment for efficient flow of Work.
  - 5. Coordinate connection of materials, equipment, and systems with exterior underground and overhead utilities and services. Comply with requirements of governing regulations, franchised service companies, and controlling agencies; provide required connection for each service.
  - Initiate and maintain discussion regarding schedule for ceiling construction and install cables to meet that schedule.

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- C. Contact the Office of Telecommunications, Special Communications Team (0050P2H3) (202)461-5310 to have a Government-accepted Telecommunications COR assigned to project for telecommunications review, equipment and system approval and coordination with other VA personnel.
- D. Communications Project Manager Responsibilities:
  - Assume responsibility for overall telecommunications system integration and coordination of work among trades, subcontractors, and authorized system installers.
  - Coordinate with related work indicated on drawings or specified.
  - Manage work related to telecommunications system installation in a manner approved by manufacturer.

## 1.7 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Provide parts list including quantity of spare parts.
- C. Provide manufacturer product information. Government reserves the right to require a list of installations where products have been in operation.
- D. Provide Source Quality Control Submittal:
  - Submit written certification from OEM indicating that proposed supervisor of installation and proposed provider of warranty maintenance are authorized representatives of OEM. Include individual's legal name, contact information and OEM credentials in certification.
  - 2. Submit written certification from OEM that wiring and connection diagrams meet Government Life Safety Guidelines, NFPA, NEC, NRTL, these specifications, and Joint Commission requirements and instructions, requirements, recommendations, and guidance set forth by OEM for the proper performance of system.

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- 3. Pre-acceptance Certification: Certification in accordance with procedure outlined in Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS and specific Division 27 qualification documentation.
- E. Installer Qualifications: Submit three installations of similar size and complexity furnished and installed by installer; include:
  - 1. Installation location and name.
  - Owner's name and contact information including, address, telephone and email.
  - 3. Date of project start and date of final acceptance.
  - 4. System project number.
  - 5. Three paragraph description of each system related to this project; include function, operation, and installation.
- F. Provide delegated design submittals (e.g. seismic support design).
- G. Submittals are required for all equipment anchors and supports. Include weights, dimensions, center of gravity, standard connections, manufacturer's recommendations and behavior problems (e.g., vibration, thermal expansion,) associated with equipment or conduit. Anchors and supports to resist seismic load based on seismic design categories per section 4.0 of VA seismic design requirements H-18-8 dated August, 2013.
- H. Test Equipment List:
  - 1. Supply test equipment of accuracy better than parameters to be tested.
  - Submit test equipment list including make and model number:
    a. ANSI/TIA-1152 Level IIIe twisted pair cabling test instrument.
    - b. Fiber optic insertion loss power meter with light source.
    - c. Optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR).
    - d. Volt-Ohm meter.
    - e. Digital camera.

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- f. Bit Error Test Set (BERT).
- g. Signal level meter.
- h. Time domain reflectometer (TDR) with strip chart recorder (Data and Optical Measuring).
- i. Spectrum analyzer.
- Supply only test equipment with a calibration tag from Government-accepted calibration service dated not more than 12 months prior to test.
- 4. Provide sample test and evaluation reports.
- I. Submittal Drawings:
  - Telecommunications Space Plans/Elevations: Provide enlarged floor plans of telecommunication spaces indicating layout of equipment and devices, including receptacles and grounding provisions. Submit detailed plan views and elevations of telecommunication spaces showing racks, termination blocks, and cable paths. Include following rooms:
    - a. Telecommunications rooms.
    - b. Building Entrance Facility/Demarcation rooms.
    - c. Server rooms/Data Center.
    - d. Equipment rooms.
    - e. Antenna Head End rooms.
  - Logical Drawings: Provide logical riser or schematic drawings for all systems.
    - a. Provide riser diagrams systems and interconnection drawings for equipment assemblies; show termination points and identify wiring connections.
  - 3. Access Panel Schedule on Submittal Drawings: Coordinate and prepare a location, size, and function schedule of access panels required to fully service equipment.
- J. Provide sustainable design submittals.
- K. Furnish electronic certified test reports to COR prior to final inspection and not more than 90 days after completion of tests.

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### **1.8 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS**

- A. Provide following closeout submittals prior to project closeout date:
  - 1. Warranty certificate.
  - 2. Evidence of compliance with requirements such as low voltage certificate of inspection.
  - 3. Project record documents.
  - 4. Instruction manuals and software that are a part of system.
- B. Maintenance and Operation Manuals: Submit in accordance with Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
  - 1. Prepare a manual for each system and equipment specified.
  - 2. Furnish on portable storage drive in PDF format or equivalent accepted by COR.
  - Furnish complete manual as specified in specification section, fifteen days prior to performance of systems or equipment test.
  - 4. Furnish remaining manuals prior to final completion.
  - 5. Identify storage drive "MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION MANUAL" and system name.
  - Include name, contact information and emergency service numbers of each subcontractor installing system or equipment and local representatives for system or equipment.
  - 7. Provide a Table of Contents and assemble files to conform to Table of Contents.
  - 8. Operation and Maintenance Data includes:
    - a. Approved shop drawing for each item of equipment.
    - b. Internal and interconnecting wiring and control diagrams with data to explain detailed operation and control of equipment.
    - c. A control sequence describing start-up, operation, and shutdown.

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- d. Description of function of each principal item of equipment.
- e. Installation and maintenance instructions.
- f. Safety precautions.
- g. Diagrams and illustrations.
- h. Test Results and testing methods.
- i. Performance data.
- j. Pictorial "exploded" parts list with part numbers. Emphasis to be placed on use of special tools and instruments. Indicate sources of supply, recommended spare parts, and name of servicing organization.
- k. Warranty documentation indicating end date and equipment protected under warranty.
- Appendix; list qualified permanent servicing organizations for support of equipment, including addresses and certified personnel qualifications.
- C. Record Wiring Diagrams:
  - Red Line Drawings: Keep one E size 91.44 cm x 121.92 cm (36 inches x 48 inches) set of floor plans, on site during work hours, showing installation progress marked and backbone cable labels noted. Make these drawings available for examination during construction meetings or field inspections.
  - 2. General Drawing Specifications: Detail and elevation drawings to be D size 61 cm x 91.44 cm (24 inches x 36 inches) with a minimum scale of 0.635 cm = 30.48 cm (1/4 inch = 12 inches). ER, TR and other enlarged detail floor plan drawings to be D size 61 cm x 91.44 cm (24" x 36") with a minimum scale of 0.635 cm = 30.48 cm (1/4 inch = 12 inches). Building composite floor plan drawings to be D size 61 cm x 91.44 cm (24 inches x 36 inches) with a minimum scale of 3.175 mm = 30.48 cm (1/8 inch = 1' 0 inch).

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- 3. Building Composite Floor Plans: Provide building floor plans showing work area outlet locations and configuration, types of jacks, distance for each cable, and cable routing locations.
- 4. Floor plans to include:
  - a. Final room numbers and actual backbone cabling and pathway locations and labeling.
  - b. Inputs and outputs of equipment identified according to labels installed on cables and equipment
  - c. Device locations with labels.
  - d. Conduit.
  - e. Head-end equipment.
  - f. Wiring diagram.
  - g. Labeling and administration documentation.
- 5. Submit Record Wiring Diagrams within five business days after final cable testing.
- 6. Deliver Record Wiring Diagrams as CAD files in .dwg format as determined by COR.
- 7. Deliver four complete sets of electronic record wiring diagrams to COR on portable storage drive.
- D. Service Qualifications: Submit name and contact information of service organizations providing service to this installation within eight hours of receipt of notification service is needed.

# 1.9 MAINTENANCE MATERIAL SUBMITTALS

- A. After approval and prior to installation, furnish COR with the following:
  - A 300 mm (12 inch) length of each type and size of wire and cable along with tag from coils of reels from which samples were taken.
  - 2. One coupling, bushing and termination fitting for each type of conduit.
  - Samples of each hanger, clamp and supports for conduit and pathways.

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#### 1.10 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer's Qualifications: Manufacturer must produce, as a principal product, the equipment and material specified for this project, and have manufactured item for at least three years.
- B. Product and System Qualification:
  - OEM must have three installations of equipment submitted presently in operation of similar size and type as this project, that have continuously operated for a minimum of three years.
  - Government reserves the right to require a list of installations where products have been in operation before approval.
  - Authorized representative of OEM must be responsible for design, satisfactory operation of installed system, and certification.
- C. Trade Contractor Qualifications: Trade contractor must have completed three or more installations of similar systems of comparable size and complexity with regards to coordinating, engineering, testing, certifying, supervising, training, and documentation. Identify these installations as a part of submittal.
- D. System Supplier Qualifications: System supplier must be authorized by OEM to warranty installed equipment.
- E. Telecommunications technicians assigned to system must be trained, and certified by OEM on installation and testing of system; provide written evidence of current OEM certifications for installers.
- F. Manufactured Products:
  - 1. Comply with FAR clause 52.236-5 for material and workmanship.
  - 2. When more than one unit of same class of equipment is required, units must be product of a single manufacturer.

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- 3. Equipment Assemblies and Components:
  - a. Components of an assembled unit need not be products of same manufacturer.
  - b. Manufacturers of equipment assemblies, which include components made by others, to assume complete responsibility for final assembled unit.
  - c. Provide compatible components for assembly and intended service.
  - d. Constituent parts which are similar must be product of a single manufacturer.
- Identify factory wiring on equipment being furnished and on wiring diagrams.
- G. Testing Agencies: Government reserves the option of witnessing factory tests. Notify COR minimum 15 working days prior to manufacturer performing the factory tests.
  - When equipment fails to meet factory test and re-inspection is required, contractor is liable for additional expenses, including expenses of Government.

# 1.11 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Delivery and Acceptance Requirements:
  - 1. Government's approval of submittals must be obtained for equipment and material before delivery to job site.
  - Deliver and store materials to job site in OEM's original unopened containers, clearly labeled with OEM's name and equipment catalog numbers, model and serial identification numbers for COR to inventory cable, patch panels, and related equipment.
- B. Storage and Handling Requirements:
  - Equipment and materials must be protected during shipment and storage against physical damage, dirt, moisture, cold and rain:

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- a. Store and protect equipment in a manner that precludes damage or loss, including theft.
- b. Protect painted surfaces with factory installed removable heavy kraft paper, sheet vinyl or equivalent.
- c. Protect enclosures, equipment, controls, controllers, circuit protective devices, and other like items, against entry of foreign matter during installation; vacuum clean both inside and outside before testing and operating.
- C. Coordinate storage.

# 1.12 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Where variations from documents are requested in accordance with GENERAL CONDITIONS and Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES, connecting work and related components must include additions or changes to branch circuits, circuit protective devices, conduits, wire, feeders, controls, panels and installation methods.
- B. A contract adjustment or additional time will not be granted because of field conditions pursuant to FAR 52.236-2 and FAR 52.236-3; a contract adjustment or additional time will not be granted for additional work required for complete and usable construction and systems pursuant to FAR 52.246-12.

# 1.13 WARRANTY

A. Comply with FAR clause 52.246-21

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 PERFORMANCE AND DESIGN CRITERIA

- A. Provide communications spaces and pathways conforming to TIA 569, at a minimum.
- B. In cases of renovations in historic or otherwise restrictive buildings, where it has been determined as impossible to follow above stated guidelines, exceptions must not modify maximum distances set forth in TIA 568 and 569; and exceptions must not in any way effect performance of entire TIP system.

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# 2.2 EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

- A. Provide laminated black phenolic resin with a white core nameplates with minimum 6 mm (1/4 inch) high engraved lettering.
- B. Nameplates furnished by manufacturer as standard catalog items, unless other method of identification is indicated.

## 2.3 UNDERGROUND WARNING TAPE

A. Underground Warning: Standard 4-Mil polyethylene 76 mm (3 inch) wide tape detectable type; red with black letters imprinted with "CAUTION BURIED ELECTRIC LINE BELOW", orange with black letters imprinted with "CAUTION BURIED TELEPHONE LINE BELOW" or orange with black letters imprinted with "CAUTION BURIED FIBER OPTIC LINE BELOW", as applicable.

### 2.4 WIRE LUBRICATING COMPOUND

A. Provide non-hardening or forming adhesive coating cable lubricants suitable for cable jacket material and raceway.

## 2.5 ACCESS PANELS

- A. Panels: 304 mm x 304 mm (12 inches by 12 inches), or size allowed by location to provide optimum access to equipment for maintenance and service.
- B. Provide access panels and doors as required to allow service of materials and equipment that require inspection, replacement, repair or service.
- C. Provide access panels where items installed require access and are concealed in floor, wall, furred space or above ceiling; ceilings consisting of lay-in or removable splined tiles do not require access panels.
- D. Provide access panels with same fire rating classification as surface penetrated.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

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### 3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Penetrations and Sleeves:
  - Lay out penetration and sleeve openings in advance, to permit provision in work.
  - 2. Set sleeves in forms before concrete is poured.
  - Set sleeves prior to installation of structure for passage of pipes, conduit, ducts, etc.
  - Provide sleeves and packing materials at penetrations of foundations, walls, slabs, partitions, and floors.
  - 5. Make sleeves that penetrate outside walls, basement slabs, footings, and beams waterproof.
  - Fill slots, sleeves and other openings in floors or walls if not used.
    - Fill spaces in openings after installation of conduit or cable.
    - b. Provide fill for floor penetrations to prevent passage of water, smoke, fire, and fumes.
    - c. Provide fire resistant fill in rated floors and walls, to prevent passage of air, smoke and fumes.
  - Install sleeves through floors watertight and extend minimum
    50.8 mm (2 inches) above floor surface.
  - Match and set sleeves flush with adjoining floor, ceiling, and wall finishes where raceways passing through openings are exposed in finished rooms.
  - 9. Annular space between conduit and sleeve must be minimum 6 mm (1/4 inch).
  - Do not provide sleeves for slabs-on-grade, unless specified or indicated otherwise.
  - 11. Comply with requirements for firestopping, for sleeves through rated fire walls and smoke partitions.
  - 12. Do not support piping risers or conduit on sleeves.
  - 13. Identify unused sleeves and slots for future installation.

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- 14. Provide core drilling if walls are poured or otherwise constructed without sleeves and wall penetration is required; do not penetrate structural members.
- B. Core Drilling:
  - 1. Avoid core drilling whenever possible.
  - Coordinate openings with other trades and utilities, and prevent damage to structural reinforcement.
  - Investigate existing conditions in vicinity of required opening prior to coring, including an x-ray of floor if determined necessary by competent person or COR.
  - 4. Protect areas from damage.
- C. Verification of In-Place Conditions:
  - Verify location, use and status of all material, equipment, and utilities that are specified, indicated, or determined necessary for removal.
    - a. Verify materials, equipment, and utilities to be removed are inactive, not required, or in use after completion of project.
    - Replace with equivalent any material, equipment and utilities that were removed by contractor that are required to be left in place.
  - 2. Existing Utilities: Do not interrupt utilities serving facilities occupied by Government or others unless permitted under following conditions and then only after arranging to provide temporary utility services, according to requirements indicated:
    - a. Notify COR in writing at least 14 days in advance of proposed utility interruptions.
    - b. Do not proceed with utility interruptions without Government's written permission.

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- D. Provide suspended platforms, strap hangers, brackets, shelves, stands or legs for floor, wall and ceiling mounting of equipment as required.
- E. Provide steel supports and hardware for installation of hangers, anchors, guides, and other support hardware.
- F. Obtain and analyze catalog data, weights, and other pertinent data required for coordination of equipment support provisions and installation.
- G. Verify site conditions and dimensions of equipment to ensure access for proper installation of equipment without disassembly that would void warranty.

## 3.2 INSTALLATION - GENERAL

- A. Coordinate systems, equipment, and materials installation with other building components.
- B. Install systems, materials, and equipment to conform with approved submittal data, including coordination drawings.
- c. Conform to VAAR 852.236.91 arrangements indicated, recognizing that work may be shown in diagrammatic form or have been impracticable to detail all items because of variances in manufacturers' methods of achieving specified results.
- D. Install systems, materials, and equipment level and plumb, parallel and perpendicular to other building systems and components, where installed in both exposed and un-exposed spaces.
- E. Install equipment according to manufacturers' written instructions.
- F. Install wiring and cabling between equipment and related devices.
- G. Install cabling, wiring, and equipment to facilitate servicing, maintenance, and repair or replacement of equipment components. Connect equipment for ease of disconnecting, with minimum interference of adjacent other installations.

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- H. Provide access panel or doors where units are concealed behind finished surfaces.
- Arrange for chases, slots, and openings in other building components during progress of construction, to allow for wiring, cabling, and equipment installations.
- J. Where mounting heights are not detailed or dimensioned, install systems, materials, and equipment to provide maximum headroom and access for service and maintenance as possible.
- K. Install systems, materials, and equipment giving priority to systems required to be installed at a specified slope.
- L. Avoid interference with structure and with work or other trades, preserving adequate headroom and clearing doors and passageways to satisfaction of COR and code requirements.
- M. Install equipment and cabling to distribute equipment loads on building structural members provided for equipment support under other sections; install and support roof-mounted equipment on structural steel or roof curbs as appropriate.
- N. Provide supplementary or miscellaneous items, appurtenances, devices and materials for a complete installation.

### 3.3 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

- A. Locate equipment as close as practical to locations shown on drawings.
- B. Note locations of equipment requiring access on record drawings.
- C. Access and Access Panels: Verify access panel locations and construction with COR.
- D. Inaccessible Equipment:
  - Where Government determines that contractor has installed equipment not conveniently accessible for operation and maintenance, equipment must be removed and reinstalled as directed and without additional cost to Government.
  - 2. Refer to Section 27 11 00, TELECOMMUNICATIONS ROOM FITTINGS for communication equipment cabinet assembly.

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### 3.4 EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

- A. Install an identification sign which clearly indicates information required for use and maintenance of equipment.
- B. Secure identification signs with screws.

# 3.5 CUTTING AND PATCHING

- A. Perform cutting and patching according to contract general requirements and as follows:
  - 1. Remove samples of installed work as specified for testing.
  - Perform cutting, fitting, and patching of equipment and materials required to uncover existing infrastructure in order to provide access for correction of improperly installed existing or new work.
  - 3. Remove and replace defective work.
  - 4. Remove and replace non-conforming work.
- B. Cut, remove, and legally dispose of selected equipment, components, and materials, including removal of material, equipment, devices, and other items indicated to be removed and items made obsolete by new work.
- C. Provide and maintain temporary partitions or dust barriers adequate to prevent spread of dust and dirt to adjacent areas.
- D. Protect adjacent installations during cutting and patching operations.
- E. Protect structure, furnishings, finishes, and adjacent materials not indicated or scheduled to be removed.
- F. Patch finished surfaces and building components using new materials specified for original installation and experienced installers.

# 3.6 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Provide work according to VAAR 852.236.91 and FAR clause 52.236-5.

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- B. Provide minimum clearances and work required for compliance with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC), and manufacturers' instructions; comply with additional requirements indicated for access and clearances.
- c. Verify all field conditions and dimensions that affect selection and provision of materials and equipment, and provide any disassembly, reassembly, relocation, demolition, cutting and patching required to provide work specified or indicated, including relocation and reinstallation of existing wiring and equipment.

1. Protect facility, equipment, and wiring from damage.

- D. Submit written notice that:
  - 1. Project has been inspected for compliance with documents.
  - 2. Work has been completed in accordance with documents.
- E. Non-Conforming Work: Conduct project acceptance inspections, final completion inspections, substantial completion inspections, and acceptance testing and demonstrations after verification of system operation and completeness by Contractor.
- F. For project acceptance inspections, final completion inspections, substantial completion inspections, and testing/demonstrations that require more than one site visit by COR or design professional to verify project compliance for same material or equipment, Government reserves right to obtain compensation from contractor to defray cost of additional site visits that result from project construction or testing deficiencies and incompleteness, incorrect information, or non-compliance with project provisions.
  - COR will notify contractor, of hourly rates and travel expenses for additional site visits and will issue an invoice to Contractor for additional site visits.
  - 2. Contractor is not be eligible for extensions of project schedule or additional charges resulting from additional site

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- G. Tests:
  - 1. Interim inspection is required at approximately 50 percent of installation.
  - Request inspection ten working days prior to interim inspection start date by notifying COR in writing; this inspection must verify equipment and system being provided adheres to installation, mechanical and technical requirements of construction documents.
  - Inspection to be conducted by OEM and factory-certified contractor representative, and witnessed by COR, facility and SMCS 0050P2H3 representatives.
  - 4. Check each item of installed equipment to ensure appropriate NRTL listing labels and markings are fixed in place.
  - 5. Verify cabling terminations in DEMARC, MCR, TER, SCC, ECC, TRs and head end rooms, workstation locations and TCO adhere to color code for T568B pin assignments and cabling connections are in compliance with TIA standards.
  - Visually confirm minimum Category 6a cable marking at TCOs, CCSs locations, patch cords and origination locations.
  - Review entire communications circulating ground system, each TGB and grounding connection, grounding electrode and outside lightning protection system.
  - Review cable tray, conduit and path/wire way installation practice.
  - 9. OEM and contractor to perform:
    - a. Fiber optical cable field inspection tests via attenuation measurements on factory reels; provide results along with OEM certification for factory reel tests.

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- Baseband cable field inspection tests via attenuation measurements on factory reels and provide results along with OEM certification for factory reel tests.
- 10. Relocate failed cable reels to a secured location for inventory, as directed by COR, and then remove from project site within two working days; provide COR with written confirmation of defective cable reels removal from project site.
- 11. Provide results of interim inspections to COR.
- 12. If major or multiple deficiencies are discovered, additional interim inspections could be required until deficiencies are corrected, before permitting further system installation.
  - a. Additional inspections are scheduled at direction of COR.
  - b. Re-inspection of deficiencies noted during interim inspections, must be part of system's Final Acceptance Proof of Performance Test.
  - c. The interim inspection cannot affect the system's completion date unless directed by COR.
- Facility COR will ensure test documents become a part of system's official documentation package.
- H. Pretesting: Re-align, re-balance, sweep, re-adjust and clean entire system and leave system working for a "break-in" period, upon completing installation of system and prior to Final Acceptance Proof of Performance Test. System RF transmitting equipment must not be connected to keying or control lines during "break-in" period.
  - 1. Pretesting Procedure:
    - a. Verify systems are fully operational and meet performance requirements, utilizing accepted test equipment and spectrum analyzer.
    - b. Pretest and verify system functions and performance requirements conform to construction documents and, that no

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- Measure and record signal, aural and control carrier levels of each data channel, at each of the following minimum points in system:
  - a. MCR interconnections.
  - b. MCOR interconnections.
  - c. TER interconnections.
  - d. TOR interconnections.
  - e. Control room interconnections.
  - f. TR interconnections.
  - g. System interfaces in locations listed herein.
  - h. HE interconnections.
  - i. Communications circulating ground system.
  - j. UPS areas.
  - k. Emergency generator interconnections.
  - 1. Each general floor areas.
  - m. Others as required by AHJ (SMCS 0050P2H3).
- 3. Provide recorded system pretest measurements and certification that the system is ready for formal acceptance test to COR.
- I. Acceptance Test:
  - Schedule an acceptance test date after system has been pretested, and pretest results and certification submitted to COR.
  - Give COR fifteen working days written notice prior to date test is expected to begin; include expected duration of time for test in notification.
  - 3. Test in the presence of the following:
    - a. COR.
    - b. OEM representatives.
    - c. VACO:

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- 1) CFM representative.
- 2) AHJ-SMCS 0050P2H3, (202)461-5310.
- d. VISN-CIO, Network Officer and VISN representatives.
- e. Facility:
  - 1) FMS Service Chief, Bio-Medical Engineering and facility representatives.
  - 2) OI&T Service Chief and OI&T representatives.
  - Safety Officer, Police Chief and facility safety representatives.
- f. Local Community Safety Personnel:
  - 1) Fire Marshal representative.
  - 2) Disaster Coordinator representative.
  - EMS Representatives: Police, Sherriff, City, County or State representatives.
- Test system utilizing accepted test equipment to certify proof of performance and Life and Public Safety compliance, FCC, NRTL, NFPA and OSHA compliance.
  - a. Rate system as acceptable or unacceptable at conclusion of test; make only minor adjustments and connections required to show proof of performance.
    - Demonstrate and verify that system complies with performance requirements under operating conditions.
    - Failure of any part of system that precludes completion of system testing, and which cannot be repaired within four hours, terminates acceptance test of that portion of system.
    - Repeated failures that result in a cumulative time of eight hours to affect repairs is cause for entire system to be declared unacceptable.
    - If system is declared unacceptable, retesting must be rescheduled at convenience of Government and costs borne by the contractor.

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- J. Acceptance Test Procedure:
  - Physical and Mechanical Inspection: The test team representatives must tour major areas to determine system and sub-systems are completely and properly installed and are ready for acceptance testing.
  - 2. A system inventory including available spare parts must be taken at this time.
  - 3. Each item of installed equipment must be re-checked to ensure appropriate NRTL (i.e. UL) certification listing labels are affixed.
  - Confirm that deficiencies reported during Interim Inspections and Pretesting are corrected prior to start of Acceptance Test.
  - Inventory system diagrams, record drawings, equipment manuals, pretest results.
  - Failure of system to meet installation requirements of specifications is grounds for terminating testing and to schedule re-testing.
- K. Operational Test:
  - Individual Item Test: VACO AHJ representative (SMCS 0050P2H3) may select individual items of DATA equipment for detailed proof of performance testing until 100 percent of system has been tested and found to meet requirements of the construction documents.
  - 2. Government's Condition of Acceptance of System Language:
    - a. Without Acceptance: Until system fully meets conditions of construction documents, system's ownership, use, operation and warranty commences at Government's final acceptance date.
    - b. With Conditional Acceptance: Stating conditions that need to be addressed by contractor or OEM and stating system's use and operation to commence immediately while its

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- c. With Full Acceptance: Stating system's ownership, use, operation and warranty to immediately commence at Government's agreed to date of final acceptance.
- L. Acceptance Test Conclusion: Reschedule testing on deficiencies and shortages with COR, after COR and SMCS AHJ jointly agree to results of the test, using the generated punch list or discrepancy list. Perform retesting to comply with these specifications at contractor's expense.
- M. Proof of Performance Certification:
  - If system is declared acceptable, AHJ (SMCS 0050P2H3) provides COR notice stating system processes to required operating standards and functions and is Government accepted for use by facility.
  - 2. Validate items with COR needing to be provided to complete project contract (i.e. charts & diagrams, manuals, spare parts, system warranty documents executed, etc.). Once items have been provided, COR contacts FMS service chief to turn over system from CFM oversight for beneficial use by facility.
  - 3. If system is declared unacceptable without conditions, rescheduled testing expenses are to be borne by contractor.

### 3.7 CLEANING

- A. Remove debris, rubbish, waste material, tools, construction equipment, machinery and surplus materials from project site and clean work area, prior to final inspection and acceptance of work.
- B. Put building and premises in neat and clean condition.
- C. Remove debris on a daily basis.
- D. Remove unused material, during progress of work.
- E. Perform cleaning and washing required to provide acceptable appearance and operation of equipment to satisfaction of COR.

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- F. Clean exterior surface of all equipment, including concrete residue, dirt, and paint residue, after completion of project.
- G. Perform final cleaning prior to project acceptance by COR.
- H. Remove paint splatters and other spots, dirt, and debris; touch up scratches and mars of finish to match original finish.
- Clean devices internally using methods and materials recommended by manufacturer.
- J. Tighten wiring connectors, terminals, bus joints, and mountings, to include lugs, screws and bolts according to equipment manufacturer's published torque tightening values for equipment connectors. In absence of published connection or terminal torque values, comply with torque values specified in UL 486A-486B.

### 3.8 TRAINING

- A. Provide training in accordance with subsection, INSTRUCTIONS, of Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Provide training for equipment or system as required in each associated specification.
- C. Develop and submit training schedule for approval by COR, at least 30 days prior to planned training.

### 3.9 PROTECTION

- A. Protection of Fireproofing:
  - Install clips, hangers, clamps, supports and other attachments to surfaces to be fireproofed, if possible, prior to start of spray fireproofing work.
  - Install conduits and other items that would interfere with proper application of fireproofing after completion of spray fire proofing work.
  - Patch and repair fireproofing damaged due to cutting or course of work must be performed by installer of fireproofing and paid for by trade responsible for damage.
- B. Maintain equipment and systems until final acceptance.

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# SECTION 27 05 26 GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies grounding and bonding requirements of communications installations based on the requirements of ANSI/TIA-607-D, Telecommunications Bonding and Grounding (Earthing) for Customer Premises. Work covered by this Section shall consist of furnishing supplies, labor, materials, equipment, labeling, and tools. Testing is required unless otherwise specified. An operable grounding and bonding infrastructure is required as described on the Drawings and/or required by these specifications. All materials shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL).

#### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Required Bonding Busbars.
- B. Supplemental Bonding Networks.
- C. Telecommunications Bonding Conductors.
- D. Joining Requirements.
- E. Overvoltage Surge Protectors.

### 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

B. ANSI/TIA-607-D, Telecommunications Bonding and Grounding (Earthing) for Customer Premises.

- C. NFPA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC).
- D. International Annealed Copper Standard (IACS).
- E. BICSI Information Technology Systems Installation Methods Manual (ITSIMM), Recommended Testing Procedures and Criteria.
- F. UL 497 & UL 497A, UL Standards for Primary & Secondary Safety Protectors for Paired-Conductor Communications Circuits.

#### 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. Facility grounding and bonding requirements: Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- B. Information Technology equipment enclosures: Section 27 11 16, COMMUNICATION CABINETS, RACKS, FRAMES, AND ENCLOSURES.
- C. Cable trays: Section 27 05 36, CABLE TRAYS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

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#### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- B. Provide riser diagram indicating location of communications grounding system connections indicating routing of grounding conductors.
- C. Closeout Submittals: Provide test reports of ground resistance to each primary or secondary bonding busbar (PBB/SBB) located in each telecommunications space impacted by the work.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 BONDING BUSBARS

Bonding busbars are located in each telecommunications space and in each network rack/cabinet. Bonding busbars provide common locations in the telecommunications space for the connection of the telecommunications bonding conductors.

- A. Common Requirements.
  - 1. Provided with holes for use with correctly-matched UL Listed twohole lugs and hardware.
  - Constructed of copper or copper alloy with a minimum of 95% conductivity when annealed.
  - Annealed as specified by the International Annealed Copper Standard (IACS).
  - 4. Installation resulting in a maximum 4.0 $\Omega$  to ground resistance measured from any point in the system.
  - 5. Installation is insulated from the mounting surface through the use of appropriate insulators.
  - 6. UL Listed.
- B. Primary Bonding Busbar (PBB). The PBB is a dedicated extension of the building grounding electrode system for the telecommunications infrastructure. The PBB also serves as the central attachment point for Secondary Bonding Busbars (SBB) via Telecommunications Bonding Backbone (TBB).
  - 1. Pre-drilled copper with holes to accommodate lug mounting holes.
  - 2. Sized for current applications and future growth.
  - 3. Insulated from its supports.
  - 4. Electro-tin plated is acceptable.
  - 5. Maintain a 2" min clearance between busbar and finished wall.

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6. Size must be 0.25" thick by 4" wide by 20" length.

- C. Secondary Bonding Busbar (SBB). The SBB is a common point of connection for telecommunications system and equipment bonding to a ground located in each Telecommunications Room.
  - 1. Pre-drilled holes to accommodate dual-lug mounting holes.
  - 2. 0.25" thick x 2" wide with varying length to be sized for current applications and future growth.
  - 3. Maintain a 2" min clearance between the finished wall and busbar.
  - 4. Copper or tin annealed copper.
- D. Rack Bonding Busbar (RBB). The RBB is a busbar located in a cabinet, rack, or frame.
  - 1. Mounting. Horizontal mounting to an EIA-310-D 19" equipment rack is specified.
  - 2. Capacity: 10 Double-hole lugs.
  - 3. Size & material 0.75" wide x 19" length x 0.25" thick Copper or tin annealed copper.

### 2.2 SUPPLEMENTAL BONDING NETWORKS.

Also known as Signal Reference Grids (SRGs), Mesh Bonding Networks (Mesh-BN), or Isolated Bonding Networks (IBNs), the requirements for supplemental bonding networks are not specified in this document. Supplemental bonding networks may not be used to replace a standards-compliant bonding infrastructure.

### 2.3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS BONDING BACKBONE (TBB).

The TBB bonds the facility Primary Bonding Busbar (PBB) to telecommunications space Secondary Bonding Busbars (SBBs).

- A. Material. Stranded copper wire with a green jacket (or per NEC depending on size), run as a continuous conductor.
- B. Size. The TBB shall be sized to meet the requirements of ANSI/TIA-607-D and will be as straight as practicable avoiding bends.
- C. Bonding the TBB to the PBB and each SBB will require a UL Listed irreversible compression (crimp) dual-lug connector.

### 2.4 BONDING CONDUCTORS.

A. Telecommunications Equipment Bonding Conductor (TEBC). The TEBC connects the cabinets and racks in the telecommunications space to the space's bonding busbar (PBB or SBB).

1. Material. Stranded copper wire with a green jacket (or per NEC depending on size), run as a continuous conductor.

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 Bonding. Bonded to the telecommunications space bonding busbar (PBB or SBB) via a UL Listed two-hole compression lug. Rack Bonding Conductors (RBCs) are connected to the TEBC using UL Listed irreversible compression (crimp) connectors.

B. Rack Bonding Conductor (RBC). The RBC is a bonding conductor from the cabinet or Rack Bonding Busbar (RBB) to the Telecommunications Equipment Bonding Conductor (TEBC).

1. Material. Stranded copper wire with a green jacket run as a continuous conductor.

2. Size. The minimum size for the RBC shall be AWG 6.

3. Bonding. Bonded to the Telecommunications Equipment Bonding Conductor (TEBC) using UL Listed irreversible compression (crimp) connectors.

a. Where connected to a server cabinet, the RBC extends to the bottom of the server cabinet allowing Equipment BondingConductors to be attached at any point in the cabinet.b. Where connected to a network rack/cabinet, the Rack BondingConductor (RBC) is bonded to the Rack Bonding Busbar (RBB) via aUL Listed two-hole compression lug.

C. Equipment/Unit Bonding Conductor (EBC/UBC). The Equipment/Unit Bonding Conductor connects individual equipment in a cabinet or rack to the Rack Bonding Conductor (RBC) or Rack Bonding Busbar (RBB). Equipment Bonding conductors are also used as cable tray bonding conductors to bond cable tray sections to the Telecommunications Equipment Bonding Conductor (TEBC).

1. Material. Stranded copper wire with a green jacket run as a continuous conductor.

2. Size. The minimum size for the RBC shall be AWG 6.

3. Bonding.

a. Where used in a server cabinet, bonded to the Rack BondingConnector (RBC) using UL Listed irreversible compression (crimp)connectors and to IT equipment via a UL Listed two-holecompression lug. (Some IT equipment may require one-hole lugs.)b. Where used in a network cabinet/rack, bonded to the RackBonding Busbar (RBB) via a UL Listed two-hole compression lug and

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Conductor (TEBC), bonded to the TEBC using UL Listed irreversible compression (crimp) connectors and to the cable tray via a UL Listed two-hole compression lug.

4. Contractor shall furnish a minimum of ten (10) EBCs for each RBB. Five (5) EBCs shall be outfitted as described here and shall be six (6) feet in length. Five (5) EBCs shall be outfitted as decried here and shall be nine (9) feet in length. Contractor shall use field measurements to determine EBC cable length when directed by VA project managers.

### 2.5 OVERVOLTAGE SURGE PROTECTORS.

A. Protectors are voltage-limiting devices intended to protect equipment, wiring, and personnel against the effects of excessive potentials and currents in communications lines caused by lightning, contacts with power conductors, power induction, and rises in ground potential.

1. Compliance. Protectors shall be compliant with UL 497 and/or UL 497A, as applicable.

2. Performance. Protectors shall be rated to support copper UTP performance Category 5e at 100MHz.

3. Protection. Voltage suppression shall be via low capacitance solid state protectors only, rated at 18V for copper backbone applications or 65V for VOIP or PoE applications.

- 4. Construction. Provide protection for each pair.
- 5. Termination shall be insulation-displacement contact.
- 6. Mounting. Protectors shall be wall-mounted.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 IMPLEMENTATION

A. Components of the telecommunications bonding system will be installed and connected using materials and techniques required by ANSI/TIA-607-D. The use

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- B. Testing.
  - 1. Perform tests per BICSI Information Technology Systems Installation Methods Manual (ITSIMM), Recommended Testing Procedures and Criteria.
  - Perform two-point bond test using trained installers qualified to use test equipment.
  - Conduct continuity tests to verify that metallic pathways in telecommunications spaces are bonded to PBB or SBB.
  - 4. Conduct electrical continuity test to verify that PBB is effectively bonded to the facility grounding electrode conductor.
  - 5. Perform resistance tests to ensure rack and cabinet bonding connection resistance measures less than  $4\Omega$  to PBB or SBB.

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### SECTION 27 05 33

# CONDUITS AND BACKBOXES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies conduit, fittings, and boxes to form raceway systems for communications cabling.

## 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Bedding of conduits: Section 31 20 00, EARTH MOVING.
- B. Sealing around penetrations to maintain integrity of fire rated construction: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- C. Fabrications for deflection of water away from building envelope at penetrations: Section 07 60 00, FLASHING AND SHEET METAL.
- D. Sealing around conduit penetrations through building envelope to prevent moisture migration into building: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- E. Identification and painting of conduit and other devices: Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
- F. Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents: Section 27 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

## 1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, submit the following:
  - 1. Size and location of cabinets, splice boxes, and pull boxes.
  - 2. Layout of required conduit penetrations through structural elements.
  - Catalog cuts marked with specific item proposed and area of application identified.
- B. Certification: Provide letter prior to final inspection, certifying material is in accordance with construction documents and properly installed.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 MATERIAL

- A. Minimum Conduit Size: 19 mm (3/4 inch).
- B. Conduit:
  - 1. Rigid Galvanized Steel: Conform to UL 6, ANSI C80.1.
  - 2. Rigid Aluminum: Conform to UL 6A, ANSI C80.5.

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- Rigid Intermediate Steel Conduit (IMC): Conform to UL 1242, ANSI C80.6.
- 4. Electrical Metallic Tubing (EMT):
  - a. Maximum Size: 105 mm (4 inches).
  - b. Install only for cable rated 600 volts or less.
  - c. Conform to UL 797, ANSI C80.3.
- 5. Flexible Galvanized Steel Conduit: Conform to UL 1.
- 6. Liquid-tight Flexible Metal Conduit: Conform to UL 360.
- 7. Direct Burial Plastic Conduit: Conform to UL 651 and UL 651A, heavy wall PVC, or high density polyethylene (HDPE).
- 8. Surface Metal Raceway: Conform to UL 5.
- C. Conduit Fittings:
  - Rigid Galvanized Steel and Rigid Intermediate Steel Conduit Fittings:
    - a. Provide fittings meeting requirements of UL 514B and ANSI/ NEMA FB 1.
    - b. Sealing: Provide threaded cast iron type. Use continuous drain type sealing fittings to prevent passage of water and vapor. In concealed work, install sealing fittings in flush steel boxes with blank cover plates having same finishes as other electrical plates in room.
    - c. Standard Threaded Couplings, Locknuts, Bushings, and Elbows: Only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable. Integral retractable type IMC couplings are also acceptable.
    - d. Locknuts: Bonding type with sharp edges for digging into metal wall of an enclosure.
    - e. Bushings: Metallic insulating type, consisting of an insulating insert molded or locked into metallic body of fitting. Bushings made entirely of metal or nonmetallic material are not permitted.
    - f. Erickson (union-type) and Set Screw Type Couplings:
      - 1) Couplings listed for use in concrete are permitted for use to complete a conduit run where conduit is installed in concrete.
      - Use set screws of case hardened steel with hex head and cup point to seat in conduit wall for positive ground.
    - g. Provide OEM approved fittings.
  - 2. Rigid Aluminum Conduit Fittings:

- a. Standard Threaded Couplings, Locknuts, Bushings, and Elbows: Malleable iron, steel or aluminum alloy materials; Zinc or cadmium plate iron or steel fittings. Aluminum fittings containing more than 0.4 percent copper are not permitted.
- b. Locknuts and Bushings: As specified for rigid steel and IMC conduit.
- c. Set Screw Fittings: Not permitted for use with aluminum conduit.
- 3. Electrical Metallic Tubing Fittings:
  - a. Conform to UL 514B and ANSI/ NEMA FB1; only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable.
  - b. Couplings and Connectors: Concrete tight and rain tight, with connectors having insulated throats.
    - 1) Use gland and ring compression type couplings and connectors for conduit sizes 50 mm (2 inches) and smaller.
    - Use set screw type couplings with four set screws each for conduit sizes over 50 mm (2 inches).
    - 3) Use set screws of case-hardened steel with hex head and cup point to seat in wall of conduit for positive grounding.
  - c. Indent type connectors or couplings are not permitted.
  - d. Die-cast or pressure-cast zinc-alloy fittings or fittings made of "pot metal" are not permitted.
  - e. Provide OEM approved fittings.
- 4. Flexible Steel Conduit Fittings:
  - a. Conform to UL 514B; only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable.
  - b. Provide clamp type, with insulated throat.
  - c. Provide OEM approved fittings.
- 5. Liquid-tight Flexible Metal Conduit Fittings:
  - a. Conform to UL 514B and ANSI/ NEMA FB1; only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable.
  - b. Fittings must incorporate a threaded grounding cone, a steel or plastic compression ring, and a gland for tightening.
  - c. Provide connectors with insulated throats to prevent damage to cable jacket.
  - d. Provide OEM approved fittings.

- Direct Burial Plastic Conduit Fittings: Provide fittings meeting requirements of UL 514C and NEMA TC3, and as recommended by conduit manufacturer.
- 7. Expansion and Deflection Couplings:
  - a. Conform to UL 467 and UL 514B.
  - b. Accommodate 19 mm (3/4 inch) deflection, expansion, or contraction in any direction, and allow 30-degree angular deflections.
  - c. Include internal flexible metal braid sized to ensure conduit ground continuity and fault currents in accordance with UL 467, and NEC code tables for ground conductors.
  - d. Jacket: Flexible, corrosion-resistant, watertight, moisture and heat resistant molded rubber material with stainless steel jacket clamps.
- 8. Rigid Aluminum Fittings:
  - a. Provide malleable iron, steel or aluminum alloy materials; zinc or cadmium plate iron or steel fittings. Aluminum fittings containing more than 0.4 percent copper are prohibited.
  - b. Locknuts and Bushings: As specified for rigid steel and IMC conduit.
  - c. Set Screw Fittings: Not permitted for use with aluminum conduit.
  - d. Indent type connectors or couplings are prohibited.
  - e. Die-cast or pressure-cast zinc-alloy fittings or fittings made of "pot metal" are not permitted.
  - f. Provide OEM approved fittings.
- D. Conduit Supports:
  - 1. Parts and Hardware: Provide zinc-coat or equivalent corrosion protection.
  - Individual Conduit Hangers: Designed for the purpose, having a preassembled closure bolt and nut, and provisions for receiving a hanger rod.
  - 3. Multiple Conduit (Trapeze) Hangers: Minimum 38 mm by 38 mm (1-1/2 by 1-1/2 inch), 2.78 mm (12 gage) steel, cold formed, lipped channels; with minimum 9 mm (3/8 inch) diameter steel hanger rods.
  - Solid Masonry and Concrete Anchors: Self-drilling expansion shields, or machine bolt expansion.
- E. Outlet, Splice, and Pull Boxes:

- 1. Conform to UL-50 and UL-514A.
- 2. Cast metal where required by NEC or shown, and equipped with rustproof boxes.
- 3. Sheet Metal Boxes: Galvanized steel, except where otherwise shown.
- 4. Install flush mounted wall or ceiling boxes with raised covers so that front face of raised cover is flush with wall.
- 5. Install surface mounted wall or ceiling boxes with surface style flat or raised covers.
- F. Warning Tape: Standard, 4-Mil polyethylene 76 mm (3 inch) wide tape detectable type, red with black letters, and imprinted with "CAUTION BURIED COMMUNICATIONS CABLE BELOW".
- G. Flexible Nonmetallic Communications Raceway (Innerduct) and Fittings:
  - 1. General: Provide UL 910 listed plenum, riser, and general purpose corrugated pliable communications raceway.
  - Provide Communications Raceway with a factory installed 567 kg (1250 lb.) tensile pre-lubricated pull tape.
  - 3. Use only metallic straps, hangers and fittings to support raceway from building structure. Cable ties are not permitted for securing raceway to building structure.
  - 4. Provide fittings to be installed in spaces used for environmental air made of materials that do not exceed flammability, smoke generation, ignitibility, and toxicity requirements of environmental air space.
  - 5. Size: Metric Designator 53 (trade size 2) or smaller.
  - Outside Plant: Plenum-rated where each innerduct is 75 mm (3 inches) and larger.
  - 7. Inside Plant: Listed and marked for installation in plenum airspaces and minimum 25 mm (1 inch) inside diameter.
  - 8. Plenum: Non-metallic communications raceway.
    - a. Constructed of low smoke emission, flame retardant PVC with corrugated construction.
    - b. UL 94 V-O rating for flame spreading limitation.
  - 9. Provide innerduct reel lengths as necessary to ensure ducts are continuous.
  - Provide pulling accessories used for innerduct including but not limited to, inner duct lubricants, spreaders, applicators, grips,

swivels, harnesses, and line missiles (blown air) compatible with materials being pulled.

- H. Outlet Boxes:
  - Flush wall mounted minimum 11.9 cm (4-11/16 inches) square, 9.2 cm (3-5/8 inches) deep pressed galvanized steel.
  - 2. 2-Gang Tile Box:
    - a. Flush backbox type for installation in block walls.
    - b. Minimum 92 mm (3-5/8 inches) deep.
- I. Weatherproof Outlet Boxes: Surface mount two gang, 67 mm (2-5/8 inches) deep weatherproof cast aluminum with powder coated finish internal threads on hubs 19 mm (3/4 inch) minimum.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

- A. Penetrations:
  - 1. Cutting or Holes:
    - a. Locate holes in advance of installation. Where proposed in structural sections, obtain approval of structural engineer and COR prior to drilling through structural sections.
    - b. Make holes through concrete and masonry in new and existing structures with a diamond core drill or concrete saw. Pneumatic hammer, impact electric, hand or manual hammer type drills are not permitted; COR may grant limited permission by request, in condition of limited working space.
    - c. Fire Stop: Where conduits, wireways, and other communications raceways pass through fire partitions, fire walls, smoke partitions, or floors, install a fire stop that provides an effective barrier against spread of fire, smoke and gases as specified in Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
      - Fill and seal clearances between raceways and openings with fire stop material.
      - Install only retrofittable, non-hardening, and reusable firestop material that can be removed and reinstalled to seal around cables inside conduits.
    - d. Waterproofing at Floor, Exterior Wall, and Roof ConduitPenetrations: Seal clearances around conduit and make watertight

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- B. Conduit Installation:
  - Minimum conduit size of 19 mm (3/4 inch), but not less than size required for 40 percent fill.
  - 2. Install insulated bushings on all conduit ends.
  - Install pull boxes after every 180 degrees of bends (two 90-degree bends) or every 100ft. Size boxes per TIA 569.
  - Extend vertical conduits/sleeves through floors minimum 75 mm (3 inches) above floor and minimum 75 mm (3 inches) below ceiling of floor below.
  - 5. Terminate conduit runs to and from a backboard in a TR or interstitial space at top or bottom of backboard. Install conduits to enter telecommunication rooms next to wall and flush with backboard.
  - Where drilling is necessary for vertical conduits, locate holes so as not to affect structural sections.
  - Seal empty conduits located in telecommunications rooms or on backboards to prevent entrance of moisture and gases and to meet fire resistance requirements.
  - Provide pull wire in all empty conduits; sleeves through floor are exceptions.
  - 9. Complete each entire conduit run installation before pulling in cables.
  - 10. Flattened, dented, or deformed conduit is not permitted.
  - Ensure conduit installation does not encroach into ceiling height head room, walkways, or doorways.
  - 12. Cut conduit square with a hacksaw, ream, remove burrs, and draw tight.
  - 13. Install conduit mechanically continuous.
  - 14. Independently support conduit at 2.44 m (8 feet) on center; do not use other supports (i.e., suspended ceilings, suspended ceiling supporting members, luminaires, conduits, mechanical piping, or mechanical ducts).
  - 15. Support conduit within 300 mm (1 foot) of changes of direction, and within 300 mm (1 foot) of each enclosure to which connected.

- 16. Close ends of empty conduit with plugs or caps to prevent entry of debris, until cables are pulled in.
- 17. Attach conduits to cabinets, splice cases, pull boxes and outlet boxes with bonding type locknuts. For rigid and IMC conduit installations, provide a locknut on inside of enclosure, made up wrench tight. Do not make conduit connections to box covers.
- 18. Do not use aluminum conduits in wet locations.
- 19. Unless otherwise indicated on drawings or specified herein, conceal conduits within finished walls, floors and ceilings.
- 20. Conduit Bends:
  - a. Make bends with standard conduit bending machines; observe minimum bend radius for cable type and outside diameter.
  - b. Conduit hickey is permitted only for slight offsets, and for straightening stubbed conduits.
  - c. Bending of conduits with a pipe tee or vise is not permitted.

Sizes of Conduit	Radius of Conduit Bends
Trade Size	mm, Inches
3/4	150 (6)
1	230 (9)
1-1/4	350 (14)
1-1/2	430 (17)
2	525 (21)
2-1/2	635 (25)
3	775 (31)
3-1/2	900 (36)
4	1125 (45)

d. Minimum radius of communication conduit bends:

- 21. Layout and Homeruns Deviations: Make only where necessary to avoid interferences and only after drawings showing proposed deviations have been submitted and approved by COR.
- C. Concealed Work Installation:
  - 1. In Concrete:
    - a. Conduit: Rigid steel or IMC.
    - b. Align and run conduit in direct lines.
    - c. Install conduit through concrete beams only when the following occurs:

- 1) Where shown on structural drawings.
- As accepted by COR prior to construction, and after submittal of drawing showing location, size, and position of each penetration.
- d. Installation of conduit in concrete that is less than 75 mm (3 inches) thick is prohibited.
  - Conduit outside diameter larger than 1/3 of slab thickness is prohibited.
  - Space between Conduits in Slabs: Approximately six conduit diameters apart, except one conduit diameter at conduit crossings.
  - Install conduits approximately in center of slab to ensure a minimum of 19 mm (3/4 inch) of concrete around conduits.
- e. Make couplings and connections watertight. Use thread compounds that are NRTL listed conductive type to ensure low resistance ground continuity through conduits. Tightening set screws with pliers is not permitted.
- D. Furred or Suspended Ceilings and in Walls:
  - 1. Rigid steel, IMC, or rigid aluminum. Different type conduits mixed indiscriminately in same system is not permitted.
  - 2. Align and run conduit parallel or perpendicular to building lines.
  - 3. Tightening set screws with pliers is not permitted.
- E. Exposed Work Installation:
  - Unless otherwise indicated on drawings, exposed conduit is only permitted in telecommunications rooms.
    - a. Provide rigid steel, IMC or rigid aluminum.
    - b. Different type of conduits mixed indiscriminately in system is not permitted.
  - 2. Align and run conduit parallel or perpendicular to building lines.
  - Install horizontal runs close to ceiling or beams and secure with conduit straps.
  - Support horizontal or vertical runs at not over 2400 mm (96 inches) intervals.
  - 5. Painting:
    - a. Paint exposed conduit as specified in Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
    - b. Refer to Section 09 91 00, PAINTING for preparation, paint type, and exact color.

- c. Provide labels where conduits pass through walls and floors and at maximum 6000 mm (20 foot) intervals in between.
- F. Expansion Joints:
  - Conduits 75 mm (3 inches) and larger, that are secured to building structure on opposite sides of a building expansion joint, require expansion and deflection couplings. Install couplings in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
  - Provide conduits smaller than 75 mm (3 inches) with pull boxes on both sides of expansion joint. Connect conduits to expansion and deflection couplings as specified.
  - 3. Install expansion and deflection couplings where shown.
- G. Seismic Areas:
  - 1. In seismic areas, follow H-18-8 Seismic Design Requirements.
  - Rigidly secure conduit to building structure on opposite sides of a building expansion joint with pull boxes on both sides of joint.
  - 3. Connect conduits to pull boxes with 375 mm (15 inches) of slack flexible conduit.
  - Install green copper wire minimum #6 AWG in flexible conduit for bonding jumper.
- H. Conduit Supports, Installation:
  - Select AC193 code listed mechanical anchors or fastening devices with safe working load not to exceed 1/4 of proof test load.
  - Use pipe straps or individual conduit hangers for supporting individual conduits. Maximum distance between supports is 2.5 m (8 foot) on center.
  - 3. Support multiple conduit runs with trapeze hangers. Use trapeze hangers designed to support a load equal or greater than sum of the weights of the conduits, wires, hanger itself, and 90 kg (200 pounds). Attach each conduit with U-bolts or other accepted fasteners.
  - 4. Support conduit independent of pull boxes, luminaires, suspended ceiling components, angle supports, duct work, and similar items.
  - 5. Fastenings and Supports in Solid Masonry and Concrete:
    - a. New Construction: Use steel or malleable iron concrete inserts set in place prior to placing concrete.
    - b. Existing Construction:

- Code AC193 listed wedge type steel expansion anchors minimum 6 mm (1/4 inch) bolt size and minimum 28 mm (1-1/8 inch) embedment.
- 2) Power set fasteners minimum 6 mm (1/4 inch) diameter with depth of penetration minimum 75 mm (3 inches).
- Use vibration and shock resistant anchors and fasteners for attaching to concrete ceilings.
- 6. Fastening to Hollow Masonry: Toggle bolts are permitted.
- 7. Fastening to Metal Structures: Use machine screw fasteners or other devices designed and accepted for application.
- Bolts supported only by plaster or gypsum wallboard are not acceptable.
- Attachment by wood plugs, rawl plug, plastic, lead or soft metal anchors, or wood blocking and bolts supported only by plaster is prohibited.
- 10. Do not support conduit from chain, wire, or perforated strap.
- Spring steel type supports or fasteners are not permitted except horizontal and vertical supports/fasteners within walls.
- 12. Vertical Supports:
  - a. Install riser clamps and supports for vertical conduit runs in accordance with NEC.
  - b. Provide supports for cable and wire with fittings that include internal wedges and retaining collars.
- I. Box Installation:
  - 1. Boxes for Concealed Conduits:
    - a. Flush mounted.
    - b. Provide raised covers for boxes to suit wall or ceiling, construction and finish. In spaces not controlled by VA (i.e., common hallways) covers must be lockable.
  - In addition to boxes shown, install additional boxes where needed to prevent damage to cables during pulling.
  - Remove only knockouts as required and plug unused openings. Use threaded plugs for cast metal boxes and snap-in metal covers for sheet metal boxes.
  - 4. Stencil or install phenolic nameplates on covers of boxes identified on riser diagrams; for example "SIG-FA JB No. 1".

- 5. Outlet boxes mounted back-to-back in same wall are not permitted. A minimum 600 mm (24 inches) center-to-center lateral spacing must be maintained between boxes.
- J. Flexible Nonmetallic Communications Raceway (Innerduct), Installation:
  - 1. Install Innerduct in cable tray. Innerduct may not be free-hung.
  - Install only in accessible spaces not subject to physical damage or corrosive influences.
  - Make bends manually to assure internal diameter of tubing is not effectively reduced.
  - 4. Extend each segment of innerduct minimum 300 mm (12 inches) beyond end of service conduit tie or cable tray. Restrain innerduct ends with wall mount clamps and seal when cable is installed.

# 3.2 TESTING

- A. Examine fittings and locknuts for secureness.
- B. Test RMC, IMC and EMT systems for electrical continuity and resistance to ground.

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## SECTION 27 05 36 CABLE TRAYS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies requirements for telecommunications cabling cable tray and raceway equipment.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Cable Tray.
- B. Fiber Optic Cable Raceway.
- C. Ladder Rack.

#### 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

### 1.4 RELATED WORK

A. Grounding and bonding: Section 27 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

## 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 CABLE TRAY.

A. Design. Wire basket with tray insert. Maximum 2" x 4" wire mesh construction. Constructed of round, smooth wire with continuous top side to minimize cable sheath damage.

B. Finish. Coated to prevent rust.

C. Size. Cable tray shall be sized to hold the maximum expected cable load at not more than 40% fill and not more than 6" maximum cable depth.

D. Accessories. Provide and install the following components and accessories as necessary to achieve the design:

 Overhead mounting equipment (thread-rod, unistrut, nuts, washers, etc.) suitable for the supporting structural elements.

2. Tray section splicing hardware.

3. Tray insert.

4. Cable waterfalls.

- 5. Ground strap kits.
- 6. Bend radius limiters.

## 2.2 FIBER OPTIC CABLE RACEWAY.

A. Design. Raceway system shall be a modular system of channels, fittings, and brackets, able to be assembled with couplers. Fittings for cable spillout shall maintain a minimum 2" bend radius.

B. Materials. Raceway shall be constructed of rigid PVC and ABS plastics.

C. Size. Raceway shall be nominally sized 4"x4".

D. Accessories. Provide and install the following components and accessories as necessary to achieve the design:

 Overhead mounting equipment (thread-rod, unistrut, nuts, washers, etc.) suitable for the supporting structural elements.

- 2. Hinged channel covers.
- 3. Raceway section couplers.
- 4. Channel corners and intersections.
- 5. Spillway fittings.

### 2.3 LADDER RACK.

A. Design. Ladder rack system shall be a modular system of ladder, turns, splices, supports, and accessories able to be assembled with couplers.

B. Finish. Coated to prevent rust.

C. Materials. Ladder rack shall be manufactured from tubular steel and extruded aluminum. Stringers will be 3/8" by 1-1/2" tubular steel. Cross members will be  $1" \ge 1/2"$ . Steel elements shall have a minimum 0.065" wall thickness.

D. Size. Ladder rack shall be nominally sized 12" width.

E. Accessories. Provide and install the following components and accessories as necessary to achieve the design:

1. Overhead mounting equipment (thread-rod, unistrut, nuts, washers, etc.) suitable for the supporting structural elements.

- 2. Ladder rack section couplers (splices).
- 3. Ladder rack radius bends.
- 4. Ground strap kits.

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## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 IMPLEMENTION:

- A. Cable tray shall be used in horizontal applications. Ladder rack is used in vertical applications.
- B. Cable tray and ladder rack sections shall be bonded together with bonding conductors and the system bonded to the bonding busbar in the space.
- C. Support horizontal cable tray not less than every 5' (shorter spans if recommended by the equipment manufacturer).

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## SECTION 27 05 53 IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies labeling and identification requirements for information technology (IT) equipment cabinets, racks, and cabling.

#### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Equipment and component labels.
- B. Labeling implementation requirements.

## 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

#### 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. Server cabinets and network racks: Section 27 11 16, COMMUNICATIONS CABINETS, RACKS, FRAMES, AND ENCLOSURES.
- B. Cable management equipment: Section 27 11 23, COMMUNICATIONS CABLE MANAGEMENT AND LADDER RACK.
- C. Copper UTP cabling: Section 27 13 13, COMMUNICATIONS COPPER BACKBONE CABLING.
- D. Fiber optic cabling: Section 27 13 23, COMMUNICATIONS OPTICAL FIBER BACKBONE CABLING.

#### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENT LABELS

A. Materials. Materials used for labeling equipment, components, and telecommunications cabling shall be appropriate for the installation environment, durable and permanent, and heat-resistant if necessary for labeling in high-temperature environments.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 IMPLEMENTION

A. Governing Standard. Labeling and identification of equipment, components, and telecommunications cabling shall be based on ANSI/TIA-

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- B. All passive infrastructure equipment, components, and telecommunications cabling installed shall be labeled at the time of installation.
- C. Telecommunications cable labeling shall include delivery of complete and accurate connection documentation (where each cable terminates at each end) matching the installed labels.
- D. Label locations shall be as specified in the VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

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# SECTION 27 08 00 COMMISSIONING OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

## PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section includes requirements for commissioning facility communications systems, related subsystems and related equipment. This Section supplements general requirements specified in Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Complete list of equipment and systems to be commissioned is specified in Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS and Specification 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS.
- C. Commissioned Systems:
  - Commissioning of systems specified in Division 27 is part of project's construction process including documentation and proof of performance testing of these systems, as well as training of VA's Operation and Maintenance personnel in accordance with requirements of Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS and Division 27, in cooperation with Government and Commissioning Agent.
  - 2. The facility exterior closure systems commissioning includes communications systems listed in Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIRMENTS and 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS.

# 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. System tests: Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Commissioning process requires review of selected submittals that pertain to systems to be commissioned: Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES.
- C. Construction phase commissioning process and procedures including roles and responsibilities of commissioning team members and user training: Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS.

### 1.3 COORDINATION

- A. Commissioning Agent will provide a list of submittals that must be reviewed by Commissioning Agent simultaneously with engineering review; do not proceed with work of sections identified without engineering and Commissioning Agent's review completed.
- B. Commissioning of communications systems require inspection of individual elements of communications system construction throughout construction period. Coordinate with Commissioning Agent in accordance with Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS and commissioning plan to schedule communications systems inspections as required to support the commissioning process.

## 1.4 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS

- A. Refer to Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS for submittal requirements for pre-functional checklists, equipment startup reports, and other commissioning documents.
- B. Pre-Functional Checklists:
  - Complete pre-functional checklists provided by commissioning agent to verify systems, subsystems, and equipment installation is complete and systems are ready for Systems Functional Performance Testing.
  - 2. Submit completed checklists to COR and to Commissioning Agent. Commissioning Agent can spot check a sample of completed checklists. If Commissioning Agent determines that information provided on the checklist is not accurate, Commissioning Agent then returns the marked-up checklist to Contractor for correction and resubmission.
  - 3. If Commissioning Agent determines that a significant number of completed checklists for similar equipment are not accurate, Commissioning Agent can select a broader sample of checklists for review.

- 4. If Commissioning Agent determines that a significant number of broader sample of checklists is also inaccurate, all checklists for the type of equipment will be returned to Contractor for correction and resubmission.
- C. Submit training agendas and trainer resumes in accordance with requirements of Section 01 91 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS - NOT USED

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Contractor's Tests:
  - Scheduled tests required by other sections of Division 27 must be documented in accordance with Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
  - Incorporate all testing into project schedule. Provide minimum seven calendar days' notice of testing for Commissioning Agent to witness selected Contractor tests at sole discretion of Commissioning Agent.
  - 3. Complete tests prior to scheduling Systems Functional Performance Testing.
- B. Systems Functional Performance Testing:
  - Commissioning process includes Systems Functional Performance Testing that is intended to test systems functional performance under steady state conditions, to test system reaction to changes in operating conditions, and system performance under emergency conditions.
  - 2. Commissioning Agent prepares detailed Systems Functional Performance Test procedures for review and acceptance by COR.
  - 3. Provide required labor, materials, and test equipment identified in test procedure to perform tests.
  - 4. Commissioning Agent must witness and document the testing.

a. Provide test reports to Commissioning Agent. Commissioning Agent will sign test reports to verify tests were performed.

# 3.2 TRAINING

- A. Training of Government's operation and maintenance personnel is required in cooperation with COR and Commissioning Agent.
- B. Provide competent, factory authorized personnel to provide instruction to operation and maintenance personnel concerning location, operation, and troubleshooting of installed systems.
- c. Schedule instruction in coordination with COR after submission and approval of formal training plans.

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### SECTION 27 10 00 STRUCTURED CABLING

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies requirements for telecommunications structured cabling systems.

#### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Computer Room Backbone Structured Cabling.
- B. Computer Room Horizontal Structured Cabling.
- C. Facility Backbone Structured Cabling.
- D. Facility Horizontal Structured Cabling.

### 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

## 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. Cabling labeling and identification: Section 27 05 53, IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- B. Cable termination locations and equipment: Section 27 11 19, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS.

# 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 COMPUTER ROOM BACKBONE STRUCTURED CABLING.

Backbone structured cabling in the computer room environment (first level backbone) connects the Main Distribution Areas (MDAs) to the Horizontal Distribution Areas (HDAs).

- A. Install first level backbone structured cabling in overhead cable tray and fiber raceway systems following diverse path routing.
- B. All cabling used shall be pre-terminated and procured to the specific length required by the design (horizontal and vertical paths) with no more than 1 meter of excess length on each end.
- C. Terminate first level backbone structured cabling in the top RU positions of each network rack or cabinet, working downward, with patch panel equipment mounted on the front rails.

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- D. Mirror distribution on the A-side and B-side MDA and HDA elements.
  - 1. In MDA network racks or cabinets:
    - a. Install angled UTP patch panel(s) for each backbone UTP patch panel in the same-side HDA in the computer room beginning in RU45.
    - b. Install an angled panel cover on the lowest UTP patch panel.
    - c. Install a blanking panel in the RU below the UTP patch panels.
    - d. Install fiber optic distribution cabinets to support the backbone fiber distribution from each HDA.
    - e. Install a blanking panel in the RU below the fiber optic distribution cabinet(s).
  - 2. In HDA network racks or cabinets:
    - a. Install fiber optic distribution cabinet(s) and populate with fiber optic distribution cassettes starting in RU45.
    - b. Install a blanking panel in the RU below the last fiber cabinet.
    - c. Install UTP patch panel(s) below the blanking panel.
    - d. Install a blanking panel in the RU below the last UTP patch panel.
- E. Install UTP cables between the same-side MDAs and HDAs.
- F. Install 12- or 24-strand multimode fiber optic cables between each fiber cassette in the HDA to either the same-side MDA or the opposite side MDA as appropriate.

## 2.2 COMPUTER ROOM HORIZONTAL STRUCTURED CABLING

Horizontal structured cabling in the computer room environment connects the Equipment Distributors (EDs) in the server cabinets to each supported Horizontal Distribution Area (HDA).

- A. Install horizontal structured cabling in overhead cable tray and fiber raceway systems following diverse path routing.
- B. All cabling used shall be pre-terminated and procured to the specific length required by the design (horizontal and vertical paths) with no more than 1 meter of excess length on each end.
- C. In the server cabinets, terminate horizontal structured cabling in EDs located in the top 5U of each cabinet, with patch panel equipment mounted on the rear rails.

- Install fiber optic distribution cabinet(s) starting in RU45 and populate with fiber optic distribution cassettes to support the requirement.
- 2. Install a blanking panel in the RU below the last fiber cabinet.
- 3. Install copper UTP patch panel(s) below the blanking panel.
- D. In the HDAs, terminate horizontal structured cabling in the RU positions immediately below the first level backbone structured cabling equipment of each network rack or cabinet, working downward, with patch panel equipment mounted on the front rails.
  - Install fiber optic distribution cabinet(s) and populate with fiber optic distribution cassettes to support each server cabinet.
  - Install a blanking panel in the RU below the fiber optic distribution cabinet(s).
- E. Install 12- or 24-strand multimode fiber optic cables between the server cabinet ED and both HDAs.
- F. Install UTP cables between the server cabinet ED and both HDAs.

### 2.3 FACILITY BACKBONE STRUCTURED CABLING

Backbone structured cabling (inter-building and intra-building first level backbone) connects the Entrance Rooms to the Main Distribution Areas (MDAs) in the computer room, and connects the Main Distribution Areas to each Telecommunications Room (TR). This specification describes facility backbone structured cabling when the Entrance Rooms and computer room are in the same building, connected entirely by environmentally conditioned pathways (no outside plant pathways are transited).

- A. Interior to each telecommunications space, install facility backbone structured cabling in overhead cable tray and fiber raceway systems.
- B. All facility backbone structured cabling shall be redundant and follow diverse path routing.
- C. Facility backbone cabling shall be field-terminated (fusion spliced).
- D. In the Entrance Room, MDA, and TR network racks designated for facility backbone distribution, install fiber optic distribution cabinets as required for the quantity of fibers installed.
- E. Between each Entrance Room and the computer room:

- Provide 2 diversely routed paths of backbone cabling from each Entrance Room. One path will terminate on the A-side MDA and one path will terminate on the B-side MDA.
- 2. Install a minimum of 24 strands of multimode fiber optic cabling and 12 strands of single-mode fiber optic cabling per path.
- 3. Populate the fiber optic distribution cabinets on each end with a sufficient quantity of multimode OM4 and single-mode OS1 fiber optic splice cassettes per path.
- F. Between each MDA and each TR:
  - No zone/intermediate distribution areas (ZDAs/IDAs) intermediate cross-connects (ICCs) shall be used. All facility backbone cabling between the MDAs and TRs shall be run directly and continuously.
  - 2. Provide 2 diversely routed paths of backbone cabling, one from the A-side MDA and one from the B-side MDA.
  - 3. Where the TR is located in the same building as the computer room MDAs (does not transit outside plant pathways) and the path distance is less than 400 meters, install a minimum of 24 strands of multimode fiber optic cabling and 12 strands of single-mode fiber optic cabling per path.
    - a. Populate the fiber optic distribution cabinets on each end with a sufficient quantity of multimode OM4 and single-mode OS1 fiber optic splice cassettes per path.
  - 4. Where the TR is located in a different building as the computer room (transits outside plant pathways) or the path distance is greater than 400m, install a minimum of 24 strands of single-mode fiber optic cabling per path.
    - a. Populate the fiber optic distribution cabinets on each end with a sufficient quantity of single-mode OS2 fiber optic splice cassettes per path.

### 2.4 FACILITY HORIZONTAL STRUCTURED CABLING

Facility horizontal structured cabling (horizontal distribution) connects the Telecommunications Room (TR) to each end-user Work Area Outlet (WAO).

A. Interior to each TR, install horizontal distribution structured cabling in overhead cable tray systems.

- B. All horizontal distribution structured cabling shall have a minimum of 2 cables per WAO.
- C. Horizontal distribution structured cabling may be field-terminated.
- D. In each TR install sufficient UTP patch panels to support the quantity of WAOs in the TR's serving zone.
  - Plan network racks such that patch panels and horizontal cable managers are located in the top 1/3 (RU31-45), switching equipment in the middle 1/3 (RU16-30), and power distribution and other services in the bottom 1/3 (RU1-15).
- E. Install a minimum of 2 UTP cables between the TR UTP patch panels and each work area faceplate.
- F. Each typical end-user receptacle shall be constructed of a single-gang workbox with one connector chassis, a minimum of two non-proprietary Category 6A 8P8C media interface connectors (RJ-45), and a fourposition keystone faceplate.
  - Modular plug terminated links (MPTL) are permitted to service wireless access points (WAPs), cameras, and other Power over Ethernet (PoE) devices where mating will be very infrequent.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 IMPLEMENTION

- A. 100% construction drawing sets shall include drawings detailing the computer room and facility/campus structured cabling systems, including:
  - 1. Cable media performance categories for each type of run.
  - 2. Cabling and equipment quantities.
  - 3. Elevation drawings showing equipment placement in individual enclosures.
  - 4. Full interconnection diagram for all structured cabling.
  - 5. Port map and cable label matrices.
- B. All cabling and equipment shall be labeled per the requirements of the VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

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# SECTION 27 11 00 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ROOM FITTINGS

### PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies equipment cabinets, interface enclosures, relay racks, and associated hardware in service provider DEMARC, computer and telecommunications rooms.
- B. Telephone system is defined as an Emergency Critical Care Communication System by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Adhere to Seismic reference standards for systems connecting to or extending telephone system and cabling.

# 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Wiring devices: Section 26 27 26, WIRING DEVICES.
- B. General electrical requirements that are common to more than one section in Division 27: Section 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS.
- C. Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents: Section 27 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- D. Conduits for cables and wiring: Section 27 05 33, RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

## 1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION.
- B. Separate submittal into sections for each subsystem containing the following:
  - Pictorial layouts of each Telecommunications Room and Cross Connection Space (VCCS, and HCCS termination cabinets), each distribution cabinet layout, and TCO as each is expected to be installed and configured.
  - Equipment technical literature detailing electrical and technical characteristics of each item of equipment to be furnished.

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- C. Environmental Requirements: Identify environmental specifications for housing system as initial and expanded system configurations.
  - 1. Floor loading for batteries and cabinets.
  - 2. Minimum floor space and ceiling height.
  - 3. Minimum door size for equipment passage.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- A. Provide components of cabinet system (cabinet, thermal, cable and power management accessories) from a single manufacturer.
- B. Equipment Standards and Testing:
  - Equipment must be listed by a NRTL where a UL standard is in existence; active and passive equipment must conform with each UL standard in effect for equipment, on the submittal date.
  - Each item of electronic equipment must be labeled by a NRTL that warrants equipment has been tested in accordance with and conforms to specified standards.
- C. Equipment Cabinets (Enclosures):
  - 1. Fully enclose and physically secure internally mounted and connected, active and passive equipment.
  - Types of Equipment Enclosures accepted for specific VA Spectrum Management, FMS and OI&T applications in CFM and Facility Projects:

CABINET	FUNCTION
Communications	FMS Special Communications Equipment
Server / Router	OI&T Data/LAN/WAN Equipment
Seismic	Either FMS or OI&T use, specify need
Environmental	Either FMS or OI&T use, specify need

- 3. Each cabinet to be:
  - Provided as indicated on drawings in head end, MCR, TER,
     PCR, EMGR, each TR at a minimum.
  - b. Fabricated with minimum 1.59 mm (16 gauge) steel.

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- c. Provided with manufacturer's standard painted finish in a color accepted by COR with concurrence from FMS Service Chief.
- d. Mounted on floor or wall.
- e. Lockable; tubular locks keyed alike. Provide six keys to COR for each cabinet.
- Provide equipment mounting shelves; attach to front and rear mounting rails and allowing equipment to be secured to respective mounting rails.
- 5. Each enclosure to include:
  - a. Floor or wall mounting.
  - b. Knock out holes for conduit connections or cable entrance.
  - c. Front and rear locking doors; wall mounted cabinets require only front locking door.
  - d. Power outlet strips.
- 6. Provide quiet ventilation fan with non-disposable locally cleanable air filter.
- Size each cabinet in order to contain and maintain internal mounted equipment items.
- 8. Provide OEM's fully assembled unit.
- 9. Provide OEM assembled side-by-side enclosures in a single unit, at locations requiring more than two enclosures.
- Provide minimum one cabinet with blank rack space, for additional system expansion equipment.
- 11. Bond to communications circulating grounding system.
- 12. Technical Characteristics:
  - a. External:
    - 1) Overall Height:
      - a) Communications/Server: Maximum 2,184 mm (86 inches).
      - b) Seismic: Maximum 1,905 mm (75 inches).
    - 2) Overall Depth:
      - a) Communications/Server: Maximum 914 mm (36 inches).
      - b) Seismic: Maximum 762 mm (30 inches).

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3) Overall Width - All: Maximum 864 mm (34 inches).
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- b. Front Panel Openings:
  - 1) Width:
    - a) Communications: 482.6 mm (19 inches), per EIA.
    - b) Server: 483 mm (19 inches), per EIA/ECA 310.

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Seismic: 483 mm (19 inches), per EIA/ECA
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- 2) Height:
  - a) Communications/Server: Maximum 2,000 mm (78-3/4 inches or 45 Rack Units [RU]), per EIA/ECA 310.
  - b) Seismic: Maximum 1,689 mm (66-1/2 inches or 38 RUs, per EIA/ECA 310).
- c. Heavy Duty Cycle: Maximum 544 kilograms (1,200 pounds) capacity.
- d. Certification:
  - 1) NRTL (i.e. UL): For communications and server cabinets.
  - Telcordia Technologies: #63-GR-CORE, (2012) for seismic cabinets.
  - Seismic: Provide cabinet OEM constructed to seismic design category.
- 13. Cabinet Internal Components:
  - a. AC Power:
    - Single rack, direct connection to qty:2 PDUs, A Bus and B Bus

a) Power capacity: qty:2 20 Ampere, three phase, 208 VAC continuous duty.

- a) Wire gauge: #12 AWG, solid copper, connected to room's internal AC Power Panel, or as directed by COR.
- b) Enclosure: Fully self-contained, metal 102 mm (4 inch)x 102 mm (4 inches) x 64 mm (2-1/2 inches) with cover
- c) Connection: Minimum 25.4 mm (1 inch) conduit connected to room's AC Power Panel, or as directed by COR
- d) Number of boxes: Two.

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- e) Compliance: NRTL (i.e. UL); NPFA 70 (NEC).
- Two racks, connection to qty:1 Zone PDU, A Bus and B Bus
   a) Power capacity: qty:2 30 Ampere, three phase, 208 VAC continuous duty.
  - a) Wire gauge: #10 AWG, solid copper, connected to room's internal AC Power Panel, or as directed by COR.
  - b) Enclosure: Fully self-contained, metal 102 mm (4 inch) x 102 mm (4 inches) x 64 mm (2-1/2 inches) with cover
  - c) Connection: Minimum 25.4 mm (1 inch) conduit connected to room's AC Power Panel, or as directed by COR
  - d) Number of boxes: Two.
  - e) Provide Zone PDU ZONIT ZPDS-208V30A-L21-4L21-20R-CR or approver equal.
  - f) Zone PDU to connect to qty:2 PDUs each rack, A Bus and B Bus.
- Three racks, connection to qty:1 Zone PDU, A Bus and B Bus

a) Power capacity: qty:2 60 Ampere, three phase, 208 VAC continuous duty circuits, hardwired from junction box provided with recommended product (below) to Zone PDU by 10' whips.

- a) Wire gauge: #4 AWG, solid copper, connected to room's internal AC Power Panel, or as directed by COR.
- b) Provide Zone PDU ZONIT ZPDS-208V60A-HW-6L21-20R or approved equal.
- c) Zone PDU to connect to qty:2 PDUs each rack, A Bus and B Bus.
- 4) Power Capacity, Four racks. TWO each item two directly above.
- b. AC PDUs:
  - a) Provide minimum qty 2 Chatsworth PDU #EA-3013-E or approved equal per rack and mounting brackets #39221-C03 as described on schedule. Number of AC Power Outlets per

PDU: Minimum qty:30 C13, qty:6 C19, qty:6 5-20 standard outlets.

- b) Provide qty:1 Chatsworth USB temperature and humidity sensor #14665-001 or approved equal per room or closed space.
- c. Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS): Provide each cabinet with an internal Eaton BladeUPS 5kw UPS #ZC0517708100000 or approved equal with 50 percent expansion. Provide at least 10 minutes continuous full load 50 percent reserve capacity, in the event of facility primary or emergency AC power failure. UPS to be plugged into Bus on emergency power.
  - 1) UPS to include:
    - a) On-Off Switch: This function is required to be a part of system's electronic supervision requirements.
    - b) First/Fast Charge Unit: Must provide clean predicable charge voltage/current. Function is required to be a part of system's electronic supervision requirements.
    - c) Over Voltage/Current Protect: Cannot short circuit AC power line at any time. This function is required to be a part of system's electronic supervision requirements.
    - d) Trickle Charge Unit: Must be capable of maintaining a suitable internal battery charge without damaging batteries.
    - e) Mounting: Provide per OEM's direction.
    - f) Proper Ventilation: Do not override cabinets' ventilation system.
    - g) Power Change from AC Input: Accomplish change without interruption to communications link or subsystem being protected. Generate visual and aural alarms in electrical supervision system, local and remote, to
annunciating panels via direct connection for trouble indication.

- h) Must have network interface card
- i) Shall be 100% compatible with APC StruxureWare Data Center Expert Software to real time monitor, collect, organize and distribute critical alerts to include but not be limited to battery status/failure, temperature, humidity etc.
- Specific requirements for current and surge protection to include:
  - a) Voltage Protection: Threshold, line to neutral, starts at maximum 200 Volts peak. Transient voltage cannot exceed 330 Volts peak. Furnish documentation on peak clamping Voltage as a function of transient waveform.
  - b) Peak Power Dissipation: Minimum 35 Joules per phase, as measured for 1.0 millisecond at subbranch panels, 100 Joules per phase at branch panels and 300 Joules per phase at service entrance panels. Typically, power dissipation is 12,000 Watts (W) for 1.0 mS (or 12 Joules). Provide explanation of how ratings were measured or empirically derived.
  - c) Surge Protector (may be combined with On-Off switch of UPS): Must not short circuit AC power line at any time.
    - 1) Components must be minimum silicon semi-conductors.
    - Secondary stages, if used, may include other types of rugged devices.
    - Indicators: Provide visual device indicating surge suppression component is functioning.
    - Electrical Supervision: Required; must be audible and visual, local and remote to annunciating panels via direct connection for trouble indication.

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- d) Provide current and surge protection on ancillary equipment.
- e) Equip each cabinet with the following:
  - Equipment Mounting Rails (Front & Rear): Fully adjustable internal equipment mounting rails allowing front or rear equipment mounting with predrilled EIA/ECA 310-E Standard tapped holes. Support entire equipment by supplementary support in addition to face mounting screws on rails.
  - 2) Cabinet Ground: Stainless steel adjustable, lug connected to cabinet's main structure providing an internal cabinet ground for all installed equipment properly bolted to rail and with ground wire connected.
  - 3) Grounding Terminals: A separate mounting hole on equipment mounting rail, with stainless steel connecting bolt bonded by minimum #10 AWG copper wire to cabinet's internal grounding lug.
- 14. Ground Interconnection: Bond cabinet's common grounding lug to room's communications circulating ground busbar with a minimum #4 AWG stranded copper wire.
- 15. Blank Panels: Provide at every unused rack space.
  - a. Match cabinet color.
  - b. Provide panels of 3 mm (1/8 inch) thick aluminum with vertical dimensions in increments of one rack unit (RMU) or 45 mm (1-3/4 inch) with mounting holes spaced to correspond to EIA/ECA 310-E Standard 483 mm (19 inch) rack dimensions.
  - c. Fill large unused openings with single standard large panel instead of numerous types.
  - d. Leave one blank rack space (RMU), covered with a blank panel, between each item of equipment, for minimum internal air flow.

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- e. Leave 356 mm (14 inches)(8.0 RMU) open space, covered with blank cover panel, for additional expansion equipment.
- f. Wire Management: System that connects each item of installed equipment to room wire management system.
- g. Knock-out Holes: Provide for cable entrance/exits via conduits, cable duct/trays.
- D. Wall Mounted Distribution or System Interface Cabinet:
  - Construct of minimum 1.59 mm (16 gauge) cold rolled steel, with top, side and bottom panels.
  - Provide double-hinged front door and main cabinet body allowing access to all internal equipment and wiring; mount to solid walls or internal studs.
  - Provide baked-on iron phosphate primer and baked enamel paint finish in a color to be selected by the using FMS Chief or COR.
  - Provide integral and adjustable EIA/ECA 310 standard predrilled rack mounting rails to allow front panel equipment mounting and access.
  - 5. After equipment, doors and panels are installed, snap-in-place chrome trim strip covers all front panel screw fasteners.
  - 6. Provide full-length vertical piano hinge to allow entire front portion of cabinet to "swing out" from wall for access to installed equipment, wires and cable; maintain minimum OSHA Safety clearances and NFPA operational functions.
  - 7. Provide an OEM's fully assembled unit enclosure.
  - Equip these cabinets same as equipment cabinets, except mount UPS on floor below cabinet with AC power connection in conduit to AC service panel.
  - 9. Technical Characteristics:
    - a. Overall Height: Maximum 1,218 mm (48 inches).
    - b. Overall Depth: Maximum 558 mm (30 inches).
    - c. Overall Width: Maximum 610 mm (24 inches).
    - d. Front Panel Horizontal: Maximum width 483 mm (19 inches).

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- e. Capacity: Maximum 180 kilograms (400 pounds).
- f. Lockable:
  - 1) Tubular lock with 7-pin security.
  - 2) Key cabinets alike.
- E. Stand Alone Open Equipment Rack:
  - a. Provide Ortronics MM2073038-W or approved equal.
  - Construct of minimum 1.59 mm (16 gauge) cold rolled steel with manufacturer's standard paint finish, in a color to be selected by COR with concurrence from facility's FMS Service Chief.
  - 3. Floor-mount as directed by COR with concurrence from facility's FMS Service Chief.
  - Equip rack same as equipment cabinet, except mount UPS with additional support for weight and AC power connection in conduit to AC service panel.
  - 5. Provide an OEM fully assembled unit.
  - 6. Technical Characteristics:
    - a. Overall Height: Maximum 84 inches.
    - b. Overall Width: Maximum 23 34" inches.
    - c. Front Panel Opening: 19 inches, EIA/ECA 310 horizontal width.
    - d. Hole Spacing: Per EIA/ECA 310.
    - e. Load Capacity: Maximum 2,000 lbs.
    - f. Certifications:
      - 1) EIA/ECA: 310-E.
      - 2) NRTL (i.e. UL): OEM specific.
- F. Wire Management Equipment:
  - Provide an orderly horizontal and vertical interface between outside and inside wires and cables, distribution and interface wires and cables, interconnection wires and cables and associated equipment, jumper cables, and provide an uniform connection media for system fire-retardant wires and cables and other subsystems.

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- Interface to each cable tray, duct, wireway, or conduit used in the system.
- 3. Interconnection or distribution wires and cables must enter system at top (or from a wireway in the floor) via overhead protection system and be uniformly routed down both sides at same time, of the frames side protection system, then laterally for termination on rear of each respective terminating assembly.
- 4. Custom configure to meet 30 percent fill system design and user needs.
  - a. Minimum Height: 2,180 mm (85-7/8 inches).
  - b. Minimum Depth: 152.4 mm (6 inches).
  - c. Minimum Width: 152.4 mm (6 inches).
- G. Vertical Cable Managers:
  - Use same make, style and size of vertical cable manager on rack/frame or in between racks/frames when more than one cable manager is used on a rack/frame or group of racks/frames.
  - Match color and cover style of racks/frames and cable managers.
- H. Horizontal Cable Managers:
  - Use same make and style of cable manager on rack/frame or racks/frames, when more than one horizontal cable manager is used on a rack/frame or group of racks/frames.
  - 2. Match color of racks/frames and cable managers.
- I. Telecommunication Room (TR): In hostile TR locations where it has been determined (by COR or Facility Chief Engineer) that proper TR climate or external signal radiation cannot be maintained or controlled, provide a minimum of two individual and properly sized self-contained climate controlled equipment cabinet enclosures; one designated for data service.
- J. Provide gas protection devices on all circuits and cable pairs serving building distribution frames, located in buildings or in

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- K. Provide installation hardware when enclosures or racks are attached to structural floor.
- L. Provide noise filters and surge protectors for each equipment interface cabinet, switch equipment cabinet, control console, and local and remote active equipment locations to ensure protection from input primary AC power surges so as a consequence noise glitches are not induced into low voltage data circuits.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Coordinate cabinet installation such that doors fully close and lock, with active and passive equipment installed and connected.
- B. Verify equipment dimensions and brackets allow mounting with cabinet doors closed. Front door or rear door of any cabinet that does not close and lock may result in immediate cancellation of inspections or tests.

# 3.2 INSTALLATION

A. Equipment Cabinets:

- Install cabinets in a manner that complies with OEM instructions, requirements of this specification, and in a manner, which does not constitute a safety hazard.
- Provide weatherproof equipment installed outdoors or install in NEMA 3R rated enclosures with hinged doors and locks with two keys.
- 3. Install equipment indoors in NEMA 4 rated metal cabinets with hinged doors and locks with two keys.
- B. Grounding:
  - Bond equipment, including identified Government furnished equipment, to ground so total ground resistance measures maximum 0.1 Ohm.
    - a. Install lightning arrestors and grounding in accordance with NFPA.

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- b. Install gas protection devices at nearest point of entrance in buildings where protection is required and on same circuits as MDF in telephone switch room.
- c. Do not use AC neutral, including in power panel or receptacle outlet, for system control, subcarrier or audio reference ground.
- d. Use of conduit, signal duct or cable trays as system or electrical ground is not permitted.
- 2. Connect each equipment grounding terminal to a separate mounting hole on equipment mounting rail, to right as one looks at it from rear, with a minimum #12 AWG stranded copper wire with protective green jacket.
- 3. Extend common ground bus of minimum #10 AWG solid copper wire throughout each equipment cabinet and bond to TGB. Provide a separate isolated ground connection from each equipment cabinet ground bus to system ground. Do not tie equipment ground buses together.
- 4. Bond equipment to cabinet bus with copper braid equivalent to #12 AWG. Self-grounding equipment enclosures, racks or cabinets, that provide OEM certified functional ground connections through physical contact with installed equipment, are acceptable alternatives.
- 5. Bond cable shields to cabinet ground bus with minimum #12 AWG stranded copper wire at only one end of cable run. Insulate cable shields from each other, faceplates, equipment racks, consoles, enclosures or cabinets, except at system common ground point. Bond coaxial and audio cables only at source; in all cases, keep cable shield ground connections to a minimum.
- C. Equipment Assembly:
  - 1. Cabinets:
    - a. Install and adjust cabinet/frame accessories to position, including thermal management accessories, vertical cable managers, vertical power managers and equipment-mounting

Electronic Health Records 27 11 00 - 13 of 18 Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 rails, using manufacturer's installation instructions prior to baying or placing cabinet for attachment to building and before installing any rack-mount equipment into cabinet. Shelves, horizontal cable managers and filler panels (rackmount accessories), if used, may be installed after cabinet is placed.

- b. When used in a multi-cabinet bay, attach cabinets side-byside using baying kits according to manufacturer's instructions.
- c. Attach overhead ladder rack or cable tray to ceiling or top of cabinet. Maintain minimum 75 mm (3 inches) clearance between top of cabinet and bottom of ladder rack/cable tray. Position ladder rack/cable tray so that it does not interfere with hot air exhaust through cabinet's top panel. Use radius drops where cable enters or exits ladder rack/cable tray.
- d. In seismic areas, install additional bracing as required by building codes and recommendations of a licensed structural engineer.
- e. Install ladder rack with side stringers facing rack or cabinet so that ladder forms an inverted U-shape and so that welds between stringers (sides) and cross members (middle) face away from cables.
- f. Secure ladder rack to tops of equipment racks or cabinets using manufacturer's recommended supports and appropriate hardware.
- g. Attach bonding conductor sized per TIA-607-B between telecommunications grounding busbar and cabinet. Attach bonding conductor to cabinet using a ground terminal block according to manufacturer's installation instructions.
- h. Provide bonding conductor and other hardware required to make connections between cabinet and telecommunications grounding busbar.

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- Install rack mounted equipment normally requiring adjustment or observation so operational adjustments can be conveniently made.
- j. Mount heavy equipment with rack slides or rails to allow servicing from front of enclosure. Provide support in addition to front panel mounting screws for heavy equipment.
- k. Provide with cable slack to permit servicing by removal of installed equipment from front of enclosure.
- Install color-matched blank panel spacer 44 mm (1.75 inches) high between each piece of active and passive equipment to ensure adequate air circulation for efficient equipment cooling and air ventilation.
- m. Provide quiet fans and non-disposable air filters at each console or cabinet.
- n. Install enclosures and racks plumb and square, permanently attached to building structure and held in place.
- Provide 381 mm (15 inches) of front vertical space opening for additional equipment.
- p. Install equipment located indoors in metal racks or enclosures with hinged doors to allow access for maintenance without causing interference to other nearby equipment.
- q. Cables must enter equipment racks or enclosures in such a manner to allow doors or access panels to open and close without disturbing or damaging cables.
- r. Mount distribution hardware in a manner that allows access to connections for testing and provides room for doors or access panels to open and close without disturbing the cables.
- 2. Racks:
  - a. Assemble racks according to manufacturer's instructions.

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- b. Verify that equipment mounting rails are sized properly for rack-mount equipment before attaching rack to floor.
- c. Attach assembled racks to floor in four places using appropriate floor mounting anchors. When placed over a raised floor, threaded rods should pass through raised floor tile and be secured in structural floor below.
- d. Bond racks to telecommunications grounding busbar using appropriate hardware provided by contractor.
- e. In seismic areas, install additional bracing as required by building codes and recommendations of a licensed structural engineer.
- f. Ladder rack may be attached to top of rack to deliver cables to rack. Do not drill rack to attach; use appropriate hardware from rack manufacturer.
- g. Provide radius drops to guide cable where cable exits or enters side of overhead ladder rack to access a rack, frame, cabinet or wall-mounted rack, cabinet or termination field.
- h. Evenly distribute equipment load on rack. Place large and heavy equipment towards bottom of rack. Secure equipment to rack with equipment mounting screws. In seismic areas, secure equipment to shelves with additional bracing.
- 3. Vertical Cable Managers:
  - a. Provide vertical managers so number of cables in each manager does not exceed OEM fill capacity.
  - b. Attach vertical cable managers to side of rack/frame using manufacturer's installation instructions and hardware.
  - c. Attach vertical cable manager to both racks/frames when a single vertical cable manager is used between two racks/frames.
  - d. Dress cables through openings in between T-shaped guides on manager so that cables make gradual bends as they exit or

Electronic Health Records 27 11 00 - 16 of 18 Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ROOM FITTINGS Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 enter cable manager into rack-mount space (RMU). Do not twist, coil or make sharp bends in cables.

- e. Attach doors to cable manager in closed position after cabling is complete.
- 4. Horizontal Cable Managers:
  - a. Attach horizontal cable managers to rack/frame with minimum four screws according to manufacturer's installation instructions. Center each cable manager within allocated rack-mount space (RMU).
  - b. Provide horizontal managers located so number of cables each manager supports is less than cable manager's cable fill capacity.
  - c. Dress cables through openings in between T-shaped guides on cable manager so that cables make gradual bends as they exit or enter cable manager into rack-mount space (RMU). Do not twist, coil or make sharp bends in cables.
  - d. Attach covers to cable manager in closed position after cabling is complete.
- D. Labeling: Permanently label each enclosure in accordance with TIA-606-B using laser printers. Handwritten labels are not acceptable.
  - Equipment: Label system equipment with contrasting plastic laminate or bakelite material on face of unit corresponding to its source.
  - Conduit, Cable Duct, and/or Cable Tray: Label conduit, duct and tray, including utilized GFE, with permanent marking devices or spray painted stenciling a minimum of 3 m (10 feet), identifying system.

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# SECTION 27 11 16

# COMMUNICATIONS CABINETS, RACKS, FRAMES, AND ENCLOSURES

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies Information Technology (IT) equipment enclosures for use in VA telecommunications spaces. Note that 2-post racks are not acceptable for new installation.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Server Cabinets.
- B. Network Channel Racks.
- C. Network Cabinets.
- D. Telecommunications Enclosures.
- E. Pathway Racks.

### 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

## 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. Cabling termination equipment, rack-mounted: Section 27 11 19, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS.
- B. Cable management equipment: Section 27 11 23, COMMUNICATIONS CABLE MANAGEMENT AND LADDER RACK.
- C. Power distribution equipment: Section 27 11 26, COMMUNICATIONS RACK MOUNTED POWER PROTECTION AND POWER STRIPS.
- D. Grounding and bonding equipment: Section 27 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- E. Labeling and identification requirements: Section 27 05 53, IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- F. Seismic bracing: Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS.

### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 SERVER CABINETS

A. Height. Cabinets shall provide 45 standard rack units (RU) of space (45U) for mounting equipment.

Electronic Health Records Modernization 27 11 16 - 1/5 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades COMMUNICATIONS CABINETS, Hot Springs VA Medical Center RACKS, FRAMES, AND ENCLOSURES VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 B. Dimensions. Nominal dimensions for server cabinets are 84" (2134mm) tall, 23.6" (600mm) wide, and 48" (1220mm) deep, including side panels and doors. Minimum depth is 46" (1168mm). Maximum width is 30" (762 mm).

C. Doors and Panels.

1. Front Door. Provide a single locking, latched, hinged metal front door for the server cabinet with minimum 75% open perforated design for airflow.

2. Rear Door. Provide a single locking, latched, hinged metal rear door for the server cabinet.

a. If a vertical exhaust duct (VED, "chimney") is specified for the server cabinet, the rear door shall be solid.

b. If no VED is specified, the rear door shall be perforated with a minimum of 75% open design for airflow.

3. Side Panels. Provide removable, locking solid metal side panels. Side panels shall have cable pass-through cut-outs protected with brushed grommets on each side, aligned on each side to allow Rack PDU cables to pass between enclosures to Zone PDUs.

D. Locks. All locks on a server cabinet shall be keyed the same. Provide two keys per cabinet.

E. Color. The cabinet and all components shall be white in color.

F. Equipment Mounting Rack. The cabinet shall provide an EIA-310-E compliant 19" racking system with front and rear rails using standard  $3/8" \times 3/8"$  square hole mounting.

1. Rear Rails. Position rear rails with a minimum of 6" of clearance between the rails and the rear doors to accommodate rear-mounted angled patch panels and up to four (4) vertical rack PDUs.

G. Components. The cabinet shall be supplied with the following standard equipment:

a. Air dams for left and right of the front rails.

- b. Finger cable managers.
- c. Bottom panel with brushed grommets.
- d. Top panel with brushed grommets.
- e. Toolless mounting brackets for vertical Rack PDUs.
- f. 45U of 1RU blanking panels.

#### 2.2 NETWORK CHANNEL RACKS

A. Height. Racks shall provide 45 standard rack units (RU) of space (45U) for mounting equipment.

B. Dimensions. Nominal dimensions for network racks are 86'' (2184mm) tall, 24'' (610mm) wide, and 40'' (1220mm) deep (30''/762mm between front and rear mounting rails).

C. Side Panels. The rack shall have integral metal side panels (a "channel" rack) constructed with a cable management pattern of staggered shapes (circles, hexagons, etc.) to allow for connection points for cable management accessories.

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1. Locks. All locks on a network rack shall be keyed the same. Provide two keys per cabinet.

E. Color. The rack and all components shall be white in color.

F. Equipment Mounting Rack. The rack shall provide an EIA-310-E compliant 19" racking system with front and rear rails using standard  $3/8" \ge 3/8"$  square hole mounting.

G. Components. The rack shall be supplied with the following standard equipment:

a. Toolless mounting brackets for vertical Rack PDUs.

b. 30U of 1RU blanking panels.

c. Vertical cable managers with doors on both left and right of the rack (size commensurate with the requirement).

d. Cable management accessories as necessary to maintain cable bend radii, uniformity, and neatness (e.g. d-rings, spools, bend radius limiters, finger cable managers, waterfalls, etc.).

#### 2.3 NETWORK CABINETS

A. Height. Cabinets shall provide 45 standard rack units (RU) of space (45U) for mounting equipment.

B. Dimensions. Nominal dimensions for server cabinets are 84" (2134mm) tall, 40" (1016mm) and 48" (1220mm) deep, including side panels and doors.

C. Doors and Panels.

1. Front Door. Provide a single locking, latched, hinged metal front door for the server cabinet with minimum 75% open perforated design for airflow.

2. Rear Door. Provide a single locking, latched, hinged metal rear door for the server cabinet.

a. If a vertical exhaust duct (VED, "chimney") is specified for the server cabinet, the rear door shall be solid.

b. If no VED is specified, the rear door shall be perforated with a minimum of 75% open design for airflow.

3. Side Panels. Provide removable, locking solid metal side panels. Side panels shall have cable pass-through cut-outs protected with brushed grommets on each side, aligned on each side to allow Rack PDU and communications cables to pass between enclosures to Zone PDUs.

D. Locks. All locks on a server cabinet shall be keyed the same. Provide two keys per cabinet.

E. Color. The cabinet and all components shall be white in color.

F. Equipment Mounting Rack. The cabinet shall provide an EIA-310-E compliant 19" racking system with front and rear rails using standard  $3/8" \times 3/8"$  square hole mounting.

G. Components. The cabinet shall be supplied with the following standard equipment:

Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 27 11 16 - 3/5 COMMUNICATIONS CABINETS, RACKS, FRAMES, AND ENCLOSURES a. Air dams for left and right of the front rails.

b. Bottom panel with brushed grommets.

c. Top panel with brushed grommets.

d. Toolless mounting brackets for vertical Rack PDUs.

e. 45U of 1RU blanking panels.

f. Cable management accessories as necessary to maintain cable bend radii, uniformity, and neatness (e.g. d-rings, spools, bend radius limiters, finger cable managers, waterfalls, etc.).

# 2.4 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENCLOSURES (TE)

Telecommunications Enclosures (TEs) are swing-out wall-mounted enclosures.

A. Height. TEs shall provide 12 standard rack units (RU) of space for mounting equipment.

B. Dimensions. Nominal dimensions for cabinets are 24" (610mm) tall, 24" (610mm) wide, and 30" (760mm) deep.

C. Doors and Panels.

1. Front Door. TEs shall have a single locking, latched, hinged metal front door with a tempered glass front.

2. Rear Panel. TEs shall have a latched, hinged metal rear door that mounts to the wall, allowing the body of the TE to be swung open for rear equipment access. If latched exterior to the body of the TE, the latch shall be locking.

a. Cabling Cutouts. The top and bottom surfaces of the rear panel shall have cabling cutouts to accommodate telecommunications cabling entering the TE. Edge-protection grommets for the cabling cutouts shall be provided.

b. Power Cutout. The rear panel shall have a cutout on the rear mounting surface allowing power to be installed internal to the TE.

3. Locks. All locks on a TE shall be keyed the same. Provide two keys per TE.

D. Load Rating. The TE shall support 3001b (136kg) of total weight.

E. Color. The cabinet and all components shall be white in color.

F. Equipment Mounting Rack. The cabinet shall provide an EIA-310-E compliant 19" racking system with front and rear rails using standard threaded #12-24 hole mounting.

G. Components. The cabinet shall be supplied with the following standard equipment:

- a. 1U shelf (two per TE).
- b. Vertical cable management kits (one per each full 12U of TE height).
- c. Fan kit to evacuate heat generated by active equipment (two per TE).
- d. Filter kit for fans (two per TE).

## 2.5 PATHWAY RACKS

A. Height. Pathway racks shall provide a minimum of 5 standard rack units
(RU) of space (5U) for mounting Equipment Distributor equipment.
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B. Dimensions. Nominal dimensions for pathway racks are 12.6" tall, 23.6" wide, and 9" deep.

C. Mounting. Pathway racks shall mount to standard basket-style cable tray.

E. Color. Pathway racks shall be white in color.

F. Equipment Mounting Rack. The cabinet shall provide an EIA-310-E compliant 19" racking system with rails using EIA-tapped 10-32 holes.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Where to be installed in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E, or F, seismic bracing equivalent to that for other storage racks per VA Master Specification 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS section 3.7 ("Install... to withstand earthquake forces and anchored to the floor or laterally braced from the top to the structural elements") is required.
- B. Casters on floor-mounted enclosures shall be retracted and the enclosures leveled and stabilized.

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# SECTION 27 11 19

# COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies cable termination and management equipment to be mounted in information technology (IT) equipment cabinets and racks.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Copper UTP Patch Panels.
- B. Fiber Optic Distribution Cabinets.
- C. Fiber Optic Distribution Cassettes.
- D. Fiber Optic Splice Cassettes.
- E. Horizontal Cable Managers.
- F. Blanking Panels.

### 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

## 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. Server cabinets and network racks: Section 27 11 16, COMMUNICATIONS CABINETS, RACKS, FRAMES, AND ENCLOSURES.
- B. Cable management equipment: Section 27 11 23, COMMUNICATIONS CABLE MANAGEMENT AND LADDER RACK.
- C. Labeling and identification requirements: Section 27 05 53, IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- D. Copper UTP cabling: Section 27 13 13, COMMUNICATIONS COPPER BACKBONE CABLING.
- E. Copper UTP cabling termination: Section 27 13 13.13, COMMUNICATIONS COPPER CABLE SPLICING AND TERMINATIONS.
- F. Fiber optic cabling: Section 27 13 23, COMMUNICATIONS OPTICAL FIBER BACKBONE CABLING.
- G. Fiber optic cabling termination: Section 27 13 23.13, COMMUNICATIONS OPTICAL FIBER SPLICING AND TERMINATIONS.

# 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

## 2.1 COPPER (UTP) PATCH PANELS

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B. Capacity. 48 copper 8P8C ports in groupings of 6.

C. Interface. Copper (UTP) patch panels shall accept pre-terminated single 8P8C keystone jacks and 6-jack cassettes.

D. Accessories. Provide each patch panel installation with the following accessories.

1. Angled panel cover. Specify angled panel covers at the top and bottom of each stack of angled patch panels. Covers shall mount to the same RU rail positions as the top and bottom patch panels.

2. Rear cable manager tray. Specify one rear cable manager tray per patch panel. Trays shall mount to the same RU rail positions as the patch panel.

## 2.2 FIBER OPTIC DISTRIBUTION CABINETS

A. Form Factor. 1U, 19" rack-mountable, angled to extend not less than 4" (104mm) forward from the mounting rail.

B. Capacity. 192 fibers in a variety of distribution and/or splice cassettes.

C. Door. Cabinets shall be supplied with a locking front cover.D. Accessories. Provide each distribution cabinet with the following accessories.

 Rear cable manager. Specify one rear cable manager with fiber storage rings per distribution cabinet. Trays shall mount to the same RU rail positions as the distribution cabinet.

2. ORU patch cord managers. Specify one pair of patch cord managers per distribution cabinet. Managers shall mount to the same RU rail positions as the distribution cabinet and rear cable manager.

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### 2.3 FIBER OPTIC DISTRIBUTION CASSETTES

Fiber optic distribution cassettes are used in structured cabling in the computer room to connect Main Distribution Areas (MDAs), Horizontal Distribution Areas (HDAs), and Equipment Distributors (EDs) where preterminated cable is used.

A. Form Factor. Designed to install in rack-mounted fiber optic distribution cabinet.

B. Connections. The rear connection shall accept 12-strand multi-fiber push-on (MPO) connectors or 24-strand multi-fiber push-on (MPO) connectors. Adapters on the front of the cassette shall accept 6 duplex Lucent connector (LC) fiber pairs or 3 sets of 8-strand multi-fiber pushon (MPO) connectors.

C. Polarity. Provide type universal polarity cassettes.

#### 2.4 FIBER OPTIC SPLICE CASSETTES

Fiber optic splice cassettes are used in backbone structured cabling connecting the Entrance Rooms to the Main Distribution Areas (MDAs) in the computer room, and the MDAs to Telecommunications Rooms (TRs) where fieldterminated (fusion spliced) cable is used.

A. Form Factor. Designed to install in rack-mounted fiber optic distribution cabinet.

B. Connections. Adapters on the front of the cassette shall accept 6 duplex Lucent connector (LC) fiber pairs or 3 sets of 8-strand multi-fiber push-on (MPO) connectors.

C. Design. Splice cassette modules shall be self-contained to integrate fiber adapter bulkhead and splice holders. No additional splice trays shall be necessary. Each module shall provide 24 fiber splice connections.

D. Fiber Type. Provide multimode OM4 and single-mode OS2 splice cassettes as required by the quantity of each type of fiber installed.

### 2.5 HORIZONTAL CABLE MANAGERS

A. Form Factor. 1U, 19" rack-mountable.

B. Door. Horizontal cable managers shall have a double-hinged front cover to protect installed cables.

C. Fingers. 6-port spacing (five fingers). Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702

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# 2.6 BLANKING PANELS

A. Form Factor. 1U, 19" rack-mountable, angled to extend 4" (104mm) forward from the mounting rail.

B. Transition. Blanking panel shall have a transition cover from angled front to flat front.

C. Quantity. Provide blanking panels to fill 75% of all RUs in all server cabinets and network cabinets.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 INSTALLATION

Not used.

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#### SECTION 27 11 26

# COMMUNICATIONS RACK MOUNTED POWER PROTECTION AND POWER STRIPS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies power distribution equipment and interconnections supporting equipment deployed in telecommunications spaces (entrance rooms, computer rooms, and telecommunications rooms).

# 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Zone Power Distribution Units (zPDUs).
- B. Rack-Mounted Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Units.
- C. Rack Power Distribution Units (rPDUs).

## 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

### 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. General electrical requirements that are common to more than one section in Division 27: Section 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS.
- B. IT equipment enclosures: Section 27 11 16, COMMUNICATIONS CABINETS, RACKS, FRAMES, AND ENCLOSURES

#### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- B. For each type of product:
  - Include construction details, material descriptions, dimensions of individual components and profiles, and finishes for rack-mounted power protection and power strips.
  - Include rated capacities, operating characteristics, electrical characteristics, and furnished specialties and accessories.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

## 2.1 ZONE POWER DISTRIBUTION UNITS (ZONE PDU)

- A. Provide components from a single manufacturer.
- B. 60 Amp Zone PDU:

1. Description:Zone PDU with A/B redundant 3-phase 60A inputElectronic Health Records Modernization27 11 26 - 1/4(EHRM) Infrastructure UpgradesCOMMUNICATIONS RACK MOUNTED POWERHot Springs VA Medical CenterPROTECTION AND POWER STRIPSVA Project No. 568A4-21-702PROTECTION AND POWER STRIPS

circuits and three (3) pairs of A/B redundant L21-20R outlets allowing each supported Standard Density (5kW) enclosure to operate at full density rating. 2. Input Connection: Dual 60A three-phase 208V hard-wired, with junction box and five-wire (L+L+L+N+G) DIN copper terminal blocks accommodating 4AWG conductors. Power cord 10' (3m) length.

3. Output Connection: Three (3) pairs of A/B (redundant) L21-20R outlets.

Power Capacity: 43.2kW (21.6kW redundant at full load);
 7kW fully-rated at each L21-20R outlet.

5. Enclosure: Fully self-contained.

6. Mounting: 1" rack-mount.

## C. 30 Amp Zone PDU:

1. Description: Zone PDU with A/B redundant 3-phase 30A input circuits and two (2) pairs of A/B redundant L21-20R outlets allowing each supported Standard Density (5kW) enclosure to operate at partial density rating.

2. Input Connection: Dual 30A three-phase 208V L21-30P. Power cord 10' (3m) length.

3. Output Connection: Two (2) pairs of A/B (redundant) L21-20P outlets.

4. Power Capacity: 21.6kW (10.8kW redundant at full load); combined 8.6kW rated output through each A/B pair of L21-20R outlets.

5. Enclosure: Fully self-contained.

6. Mounting: 1" rack-mount.

### 2.2 RACK-MOUNTED UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY (UPS) UNITS

A. Provide components from a single manufacturer.

B. Description: 5kW three-phase 208V 20A rack-mounted UPS with L21-20 input and output connections.

- C. Input Connection: Single input NEMA L21-20P plug (twistlock threephase five wire L+L+L+N+G). Power cord minimum 3' (1m) length.
- D. Output Connection: Single output NEMA L21-20R receptacle.
- E. Power Capacity: 5kW
- F. Enclosure: Fully self-contained.
- G. Mounting: 19" rack mount.

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H. Battery Capacity: Ten minutes at 70% load (3.5kW).

I. Cooling: Fan-cooled, front air entry, rear exhaust.

#### 2.3 RACK POWER DISTRIBUTION UNITS (RACK PDUS)

A. Provide components from a single manufacturer.

B. Description: Metered/monitored three-phase 208V 20A vertical Rack
Power Distribution Unit (Rack PDU), 5.7kW, with IEC60320 outlets.
C. Input Connection: Single input NEMA L21-20P plug (twistlock
three-phase five wire L+L+L+N+G). Power cord 10' (3m) length.

D. Output Connections.

 For Computer Room applications: Minimum 30 each C13 and 6 each C19. Outlets grouped in phase-grouping banks (A-B, B-C, C-A) or alternating to assist with phase balancing. Outlets labelled with associated phase-grouping bank.
 For Telecommunications Room (TR) and entrance room applications: Minimum 30 each C13, 6 each C19, 2 each L5-20.
 Outlets grouped in phase-grouping banks (A-B, B-C, C-A) or alternating to assist with phase balancing. Outlets labelled with associated phase-grouping bank.

E. Power Capacity: 5.7kW rated.

F. Enclosure: Fully self-contained.

G. Mounting: Toolless mounting, orientation vertical at rear of enclosure, taking up zero RU spaces. Up to two Rack PDUs must be able to be installed on each side for High Density (10kW) enclosures.H. Mounting Hardware: As required to connect to the specific enclosure make/model.

I. Number of RPDUs: 2 for Standard Density (up to 5kW) enclosures, 4
for High Density (10kW) enclosures.

J. Metering: Local display provides input line currents (Amperage). Additional metering items (voltage, power, energy, power factor) across the unit or at individual outlets, is acceptable.

K. Monitoring: RJ45 Ethernet port allows connection to an external monitoring system. Supports SNMP v3 with SSL Encryption.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 INSTALLATION

A. DEFINITION: Sides (left/right) of the enclosure are as when viewed from the rear (hot aisle) of the enclosure for the purposes of

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- B. Zone PDUs.
  - 1. Install Zone PDUs only in enclosures that require them.
  - 2. Zone PDUs shall not be installed in enclosures supported by busbar power distribution.
  - 3. Install Zone PDUs beginning in RU position 1 or the first open RU position above any rack-mounted UPS unit, at the bottom of the 19" rack, on the rear rails of the enclosure.
  - 4. Connect the Zone PDU power cords to the upstream branch circuit supporting the enclosures.
- C. Rack-Mounted UPS Units.
  - Install rack-mounted UPS units only in enclosures that require them. Rack-mounted UPS units shall not be installed downstream of another UPS system (cascaded).
  - Where non-redundant UPS power is required to support the enclosure, install the rack-mounted UPS unit in the A side power distribution.
  - 3. Install rack-mounted UPS units beginning in RU position 1, at the bottom of the 19" rack, with the exhaust ports facing the rear of the enclosure. No other equipment should be installed below the rack-mounted UPS units.
  - Connect the rack-mounted UPS unit power cord to the appropriate (A side) power receptacle on the upstream Zone PDU.
- D. Rack PDUs.
  - 1. Install Rack PDUs in matched A/B pairs only.
  - Install A side Rack PDUs on the left side of the enclosure and B side Rack PDUs on the right side of the enclosure, interior to the rear enclosure door.
  - 3. Connect the Rack PDU power cord to the upstream rack-mounted UPS unit (where present) or the appropriate power receptacle on the upstream Zone PDU.

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# SECTION 27 13 13 COMMUNICATIONS COPPER BACKBONE CABLING

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies requirements for telecommunications copper (UTP) backbone and horizontal cabling in structured cabling systems in computer rooms.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

A. Copper (UTP) Backbone Cables.

## 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

#### 1.4 RELATED WORK

A. Computer room structured cabling: Section 27 10 00, STRUCTURED CABLING.

B. Termination equipment: Section 27 11 19, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS.

B. Cable labeling requirements: Section 27 05 53, IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

# 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 COPPER (UTP) BACKBONE CABLES

Copper (UTP) backbone and horizontal cables are used in computer room structured cabling to connect Main Distribution Areas (MDAs), Horizontal Distribution Areas (HDAs), and server cabinet Equipment Distributors (EDs).

A. Performance Category. Copper (UTP) backbone cables shall meet the Category 6A performance requirements. Category 6A connectors are required.

B. Performance Specifications. Meets or exceeds TIA-EIA-568-C.2-10 and TSB-155.

C. Limited Power (LP) Certification. UL Listed as x-LP (0.5A).

D. Termination. Factory pre-terminated TIA 568B.

E. Testing. Factory certified to meet performance category requirements per TIA 568-C.2.

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G. Jacket Rating. Communications Multipurpose Cable, Plenum (CMP) shall be specified if any portion of the cable passes through an NEC-defined plenum. Communications Multipurpose Cable, Riser (CMR) shall be specified for all other applications. CMP may be used as a substitute for CMR.

H. Bundling and Construction. Copper (UTP) backbone cables shall be provided in 6-cable bundles with individual 8P8C media interface connectors (RJ-45 'jacks') or 6-jack cassettes designed to fit in copper (UTP) patch panels.

I. Color. A-side 8P8C media interface connectors (RJ-45) shall be blue. Bside 8P8C connectors shall be yellow.

J. Length. Backbone cabling used shall be procured to the specific length required by the design (horizontal and vertical paths) with no more than 2 feet of excess length.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 IMPLEMENTATION

- A. A. All cabling and equipment shall be labeled per the requirements of the VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.
- B. Install first level backbone and horizontal structured cabling in the computer room in cable tray and fiber raceway systems following diverse path routing.

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# SECTION 27 13 13.13

# COMMUNICATIONS COPPER CABLE SPLICING AND TERMINATIONS

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies requirements for terminations of copper (UTP) cabling.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

A. Termination Requirements.

B. Splicing.

## 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

#### 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. Termination equipment: Section 27 11 19, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS.
- B. Copper (UTP) cabling requirements: Section 27 13 13, COMMUNICATIONS COPPER BACKBONE CABLING.
- C. Copper (UTP) cabling requirements: Section 27 15 13, COMMUNICATIONS COPPER HORIZONTAL CABLING.

# 1.5 SUBMITTALS:

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

Not used.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Terminate copper (UTP) cabling used for data communications per TIA 568B.

B. Connections shall be made to equipment certified to performance category 6a.

C. Pre-terminated connections are preferred for computer room structured cabling applications. Field termination for non-computer room applications is acceptable.

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# 3.2 SPLICING

Splicing of copper (UTP) cabling is prohibited.

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# SECTION 27 13 23 COMMUNICATIONS OPTICAL FIBER BACKBONE CABLING

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies requirements for telecommunications optical fiber backbone cabling.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Multimode Optical Fiber Backbone Cables.
- B. Single Mode Optical Fiber Backbone Cables.
- C. Hybrid Optical Fiber Backbone Cables.

### 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

### 1.4 RELATED WORK

A. Computer room structured cabling: Section 27 10 00, STRUCTURED CABLING.

B. Termination equipment: Section 27 11 19, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS.

B. Cable labeling requirements: Section 27 05 53, IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

# 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 MULTIMODE OPTICAL FIBER BACKBONE CABLES.

Multimode fiber optic backbone cables are specified for inside plant use, for data center backbone use as well as for intrabuilding campus backbone.

A. Performance Category. Laser-optimized OM4 or OM5 cables are specified.

B. Testing. All fiber optic backbone media shall pass all Tier 1 requirements (attenuation with an Optical Loss Test Set or OLTS, verification of cable length and polarity) and all Tier 2 requirements (characterization by an Optical Time Domain Reflectometer or OTDR resulting in indication of the uniformity of cable attenuation and connector insertion loss).

Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 C. Termination. For computer room first level backbone usage, factory preterminated cables with MPO connectors are required. Fiber will be field terminated (fusion spliced) when used to connect the computer room to Telecommunications Rooms (TRs) and other telecommunications spaces.

1. Polarity. For pre-terminated MPO-MPO cables, the polarity of the cables shall be matched to the type of fiber optic distribution cassettes specified.

D. Jacket Color.

- 1. OM4. Aqua.
- 2. OM5. Lime.

E. Jacket Rating. Communications Multipurpose Cable, Plenum (CMP) shall be specified if any portion of the cable passes through an NEC-defined plenum. Communications Multipurpose Cable, Riser (CMR) shall be specified for all other applications. CMP may be used as a substitute for CMR.

F. Bundling and Construction. Bundles consisting of multiples of subbundles (subunits) of 24 strands of fiber are specified. Cables shall be dielectric and tight-buffered. Construction shall match the rear entry requirements of the fiber optic distribution or splice cassette such that the sub-bundle (subunit) remains jacketed into the cassette.

G. Length. Backbone cabling for computer room first level backbone use (pre-terminated) shall be procured to the specific length required by the design (horizontal and vertical paths) with no more than 1 meter of excess length on each end.

### 2.2 SINGLE MODE OPTICAL FIBER BACKBONE CABLES

Single mode fiber optic backbone cables are specified for inside and outside plant use, for campus backbone (interbuilding and intrabuilding) use.

A. Performance Category. OS1 is specified for inside plant applications. Inside/outside rated OS2 is specified for applications where the pathway transits an outside plant path.

B. Testing. All fiber optic backbone media shall pass all Tier 1 requirements (attenuation with an Optical Loss Test Set or OLTS, verification of cable length and polarity) and all Tier 2 requirements (characterization by an Optical Time Domain Reflectometer or OTDR

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C. Termination. Fiber will be field terminated (fusion spliced) when used to connect the computer room to Telecommunications Rooms (TRs) and other telecommunications spaces.

D. Jacket Color. Yellow.

E. Jacket Rating. Communications Multipurpose Cable, Plenum (CMP) shall be specified if any portion of the cable passes through an NEC-defined plenum. Communications Multipurpose Cable, Riser (CMR) shall be specified for all other applications. CMP may be used as a substitute for CMR.

F. Bundling and Construction. Bundles consisting of multiples of subbundles (subunits) of 12 or 24 strands of fiber are specified. Cables shall be dielectric and tight-buffered for OS1, and loose-tube gel-filled for OS2.

## 2.3 HYBRID OPTICAL FIBER BACKBONE CABLES

Hybrid cables containing multiple 12 strand bundles (subunits) of multimode and/or single mode fiber are acceptable.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 IMPLEMENTATION

- A. A. All cabling and equipment shall be labeled per the requirements of the VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.
- B. Interior to telecommunications spaces, install fiber optic backbone cabling in overhead cable tray and fiber raceway systems.

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# SECTION 27 15 00 COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURED CABLING

# PART 1 - GENERAL

# 1.1 DESCRIPTION

A. This section specifies a complete and operating voice and digital structured cabling distribution system and associated equipment and hardware to be installed in a The Hot Springs VA Medical Center here-in-after referred to as the "facility".

# 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Wiring devices: Section 26 27 26, WIRING DEVICES.
- B. General electrical requirements that are common to more than one section in Division 27: Section 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS.
- C. Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents: Section 27 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- D. Conduits for cables and wiring: Section 27 05 33, RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

# 1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. In addition to requirements of Section 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS provide:
  - Pictorial layout drawing of each main computer room, Demarc room and telecommunications room showing termination cabinets, each distribution cabinet and rack, as each is expected to be installed and configured.
  - 2. List of test equipment as per 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS.
- B. Certifications:
  - Submit written certification from OEM indicating that proposed supervisor of installation and proposed provider of contract maintenance are authorized representatives of OEM. Include individual's legal name and address and OEM warranty credentials in the certification.

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- 2. Pre-acceptance Certification: Submit in accordance with test procedures.
- Test system cables and certify to COR before proof of performance testing can be conducted. Identify each cable as labeled on as-installed drawings.
- Provide current and qualified test equipment OEM training certificates and product OEM installation certification for contractor installation, maintenance, and supervisory personnel.
- C. Closeout Submittal: Provide document from OEM certifying that each item of equipment installed conforms to OEM published specifications.

# 1.4 WARRANTY

A. Work subject to terms of Article "Warranty of Construction," FAR clause 52.246-21.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 PERFORMANCE AND DESIGN CRITERIA

- A. Provide complete system including "punch down" and crossconnector distribution sub-systems, and associated hardware including telecommunications outlets (TCO); copper and fiber optic distribution cables, connectors, "patch" cables, "break out" devices and equipment cabinets, interface cabinets, and radio relay equipment rack.
- B. Industry Standards:
  - Cable distribution systems provided under this section are connected to systems identified as critical care performing life support functions.
  - Conform to National and Local Life Safety Codes (whichever are more stringent), NFPA, NEC, this section, Joint Commission Life Safety Accreditation requirements, and OEM recommendations, instructions, and guidelines.
  - 3. Provide supplies and materials listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory where such standards are established for supplies, materials or equipment.

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- Refer to industry standards and minimum requirements of Section 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS and guidelines listed.
- 5. Active and passive equipment required by system design and approved technical submittal; must conform to each UL standard in effect for equipment, when technical submittal was reviewed and approved by Government or date when COR accepted system equipment to be replaced. Where a UL standard is in existence for equipment to be used in completion of this contract, equipment must bear approved NRTL label.
- C. System Performance: Provide complete system to meet or exceed TIA Category 6A requirements.
- D. Provide continuous inter- and/or intra-facility voice, data, and analog service.
  - Provide data cable distribution system based on a physical "Star" topology.
  - 2. Contact SMCS 0050P2H3 (202-462-5310) for specific technical assistance and approvals.
- E. Specific Subsystem Requirements: Provide products necessary for a complete and functional data communications cabling system, including backbone cabling system, patch panels, horizontal cabling systems, jacks, faceplates, and patch cords.
- F. Coordinate size and type of conduit, pathways and firestopping for maximum 40 percent cable fill with subcontractors.
- G. Terminate all interconnecting twisted pair, fiber-optic or coaxial cables on patch panels or punch blocks. Terminate unused or spare conductors and fiber strands. Do not leave unused or spare twisted pair wire, fiber-optic or coaxial cable unterminated, unconnected, loose or unsecured.
- H. Color code distribution wiring to conform to ANSI/TIA 606-B and construction documents, whichever is more stringent. Label all equipment, conduit, enclosures, jacks, and cables on record drawings, to facilitate installation and maintenance.

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# 2.2 EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- A. Cable Systems Twisted Pair and fiber optic:
  - 1. General:
    - a. Provide cable (i.e. backbone, outside plant and horizontal cabling) conforming to accepted industry standards with regards to size, color code, and insulation.
    - b. Some areas can be considered "plenum". Comply with all codes pertaining to plenum environments. It is contractor's responsibility to review the VA's cable requirements with COR and OI&T Service prior to installation to confirm type of environment present at each location.
    - c. Provide proper test equipment to confirm that cable pairs meet each OEM's standard transmission requirements, and ensure cable carries data transmissions at required speeds, frequencies, and fully loaded bandwidth.
  - 2. Telecommunications Rooms (TR):
    - a. In TR's served with UTP cable and fiber optic terminate UTP on RJ-45, 8-pin connectors of separate 48-port modular patch panels.
    - b. Provide fiber optic modular patch panels as shown on drawings with MPO to Duplex LC cassettes dedicated for data and FMS applications.
    - c. Provide connecting cables required to extend backbone cables (i.e. patch cords.), to ensure complete and operational distribution systems.
  - 3. Horizontal Cable: Installed from TCO jack to the TR patch panel.
    - a. Tested to ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 Category 6A requirements including NEXT, ELFEXT (Pair-to-Pair and Power Sum),

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- b. Minimum Transmission Parameters: 500 MHz.
- c. Provide four pair 0.326 mm2 (22 AWG) cable
- d. Terminate all four pairs on same port at patch panel in TR.
- e. Terminate all four pairs on same jack, at work area Telecommunication Outlets (TCO):
  - Jacks: Minimum two eight-pin RJ-45 ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 Category 6A Type jacks at TCO.
    - a) Ports: Unkeyed RJ-45 jacks for data.
- 4. Patient Bedside Prefabricated Units (PBPU):
  - a. Provide stainless steel face plate approved for use by PBPU OEM and COR.
- 5. Fiber Optics Backbone Cable:
  - a. Provide 50/125 micron OM4 multi-mode cable, containing at minimum 18 strands of fiber, unless otherwise specified.
  - b. Provide loose tube cable, which separates individual fibers from the environment, or indoor/outdoor cables, for outdoor runs or any area that includes an outdoor run.
  - c. Provide tight buffered fiber cable or indoor/outdoor cables for indoor runs.
  - d. Terminate multimode fibers at both ends with factory installed MPO type connectors installed in an appropriate MPO to LC cassette and secured with a cable management system. Provide minimum 610 mm (2 ft.) cable loop at each end.
  - e. Provide single mode OS2 fiber optic cable containing at minimum 12 strands of fiber, unless otherwise specified. Terminate single mode fibers at both ends with MPO type connectors installed in an appropriate MPO to LC cassette and secured with a cable management system. Provide minimum 610 mm (2 feet) cable loop at each end to allow for future movement.
  - f. Install fiber optic cables in TR's, and Main Computer Room, in rack mounted fiber optic patch panels. Provide female

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- g. Test all fiber optic strands' cable transmission performance in accordance with TIA standards. Measure attenuation in accordance with fiber optic test procedures TIA-455-C ('-61', or -53). Provide written results to COR for review and approval.
- B. Cross-Connect Systems (CCS):
  - Copper Cables: Provide copper CCS sized to connect cables at TR and allow for a minimum of 50 percent anticipated growth.
  - Maximum DC Resistance per Cable Pair: 28.6 Ohms per 305 m (1,000 feet).
  - 3. Fiber Optic Cables:
    - a. Provide fiber CCS sized to connect cables at TR and allow for a minimum of 50 percent anticipated growth.
    - b. Install fiber optic cable slack in protective enclosures.
- C. Telecommunication Room (TR):
  - Terminate backbone and horizontal cables on appropriate crossconnection systems (CCS) containing patch panels provided in enclosures and tested, regardless of installation method, mounting, termination, or cross-connecting used. Provide cable management system as a part of each CCS.
  - Coordinate location in TR with FMS equipment (i.e. fire alarm, nurse call, code blue, video, public address, radio entertainment, intercom, and radio paging equipment).
- D. Data Cross-Connection Subsystems:
  - Provide patch panels with modular RJ45 female to 110 connectors for cross-connection of copper data cable terminations and system ground with cable management system.
  - 2. Provide patch panels conforming to EIA/ECA 310-E dimensions and suitable for mounting in standard equipment racks, with 48 RJ45 jacks aligned in two horizontal rows per panel. Provide RJ45 jacks of modular design and capable of accepting and

Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 functioning with other modular (i.e. RJ11) plugs without damaging jack.

- a. Provide system inputs from servers, data LAN, bridge, or interface distribution systems on top row of jacks of appropriate patch panel.
- b. Provide patch cords for each system pair of connection jacks with modular RJ45 connectors provided on each end to match panel's modular RJ45 female jack's being provided.
- E. Fiber-Optic Cross-Connection Subsystems: Provide rack mounted patch or distribution panels installed inside a lockable cabinet or "breakout enclosure" that accommodate minimum OM4 multimode and OS2 single mode quantities as shown on plans. Provide cable management system for each panel.
  - Provide MPO to LC cassettes for minimum OM4 multimode and OS2 single mode quantities as shown on plan, able to accommodate and have capacity for additional connectors to be added up to OEM's maximum standard panel size for this type of use. Protect patch panel sides, including front and back, by a cabinet or enclosure.
  - Provide panels that conform to EIA/ECA 310-E dimensions suitable for installation in standard racks, cabinets, and enclosures.
  - 3. Provide patch panels with highest OEM approved density of fiber LC termination's, while maintaining a high level of manageability. Provide proper LC couplers installed for each pair of fiber optic cable LC connectors.
    - a. Provide system inputs from interface equipment or distribution systems on top row of connectors of appropriate patch panel.
    - b. Provide backbone cable connections on bottom row of connectors of same patch panel.
    - c. Provide patch cords for each pair of fiber optic strands with connector to match couplers.

F. Horizontal Cabling (HC): Electronic Health Records Modernization 27 15 00 - 7 of 16 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURED CABLING Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702

- Horizontal cable length to farthest system outlet to be maximum of 90 m (295 ft).
- 2. Splitting of pairs within a cable between different jacks is not permitted.

# 2.3 DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

- A. Telecommunication Outlet:
  - TCO consists of quantities of RJ45 as shown on plans mounted in a steel outlet box.
  - 2. Provide RJ-45 female type data multi-pin connections.
  - Provide wall outlet with a stainless-steel face plate and sufficient ports to fit data multi- pin jacks and plastic covers for labels when mounted on outlet box provided.
  - 4. Data:
    - a. Provide a connection cable for each TCO data jack in system with 10 percent spares to connect a data instrument to TCO data jack. Do not provide data terminals/equipment.
    - b. Technical Characteristics:
      - 1) Length: Minimum 1.8 m (6 feet).
      - 2) Cable: Category 6A.
      - 3) Connector: RJ-45 male on each end.
      - 4) Color Coding: Required, data industry standard.
      - 5) Size: Minimum 22 AWG.
  - 5. Fiber Optic:
    - a. Multimode Fiber:
      - Provide OM4 multimode fiber optic cable installed in conduit for system locations with load-bearing support braid surrounding inner tube for strength during cable installation.
      - 2) Technical Characteristics:
        - a) Bend Radius: Minimum 152 mm (6 inches); outer jacket as required.
        - b) Fiber Diameter: 50 microns.
        - c) Cladding: 125 microns.
        - d) Attenuation:

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- 1) 850 nanometer: Maximum 4.0 dB per kilometer.
- 2) 1,300 nanometer: Maximum 2.0 dB per kilometer.
- e) Bandwidth:
  - 1) 850 nanometer: Minimum 160 MHz.
  - 2) 1,300 nanometer: Minimum 500 MHz.
- f) Connectors: Stainless steel.
- b. Single mode Fiber:
  - Provide OS2 Type single mode fiber optic cable installed in conduit for all system locations with load-bearing support braid surrounding inner tube for strength during cable installation.
  - 2) Technical Characteristics:
    - a) Bend Radius: Minimum 100 mm (4 inches).
    - b) Outer Jacket: PVC.
    - c) Fiber Diameter: 8.7 microns.
    - d) Cladding: 125 microns.
    - e) Attenuation at 850 nanometer: 1.0 dBm per kilometer.
    - f) Connectors: Ceramic.
- B. System Connectors:
  - Modular (RJ-45): Provide high speed data transmission applications type modular plugs compatible with voice (telephone) instruments, computer terminals, and other type devices requiring linking through modular telecommunications outlet to the system compatible with UTP cables.
    - a. Technical Characteristics:
      - 1) Number of Pins:
        - a) RJ-45: Eight.
      - 2) Dielectric: Surge.
      - 3) Voltage: Minimum 1,000V RMS, 60 Hz at one minute.
      - 4) Current: 2.2A RMS at 30 minutes or 7.0A RMS at 5.0 seconds.
      - 5) Leakage: Maximum 100 µA.
      - 6) Connections:

a) Initial contact resistance: Maximum 20 milli-Ohms. Electronic Health Records Modernization 27 15 00 - 9 of 16 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURED CABLING Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702

- b) Insulation displacement: Maximum 10 milli-Ohms.
- c) Interface: Must interface with modular jacks from a variety of OEMs. RJ-11/45 plugs provide connection when used in RJ-45 jacks.
- d) Durability: Minimum 200 insertions/withdrawals.
- C. Fiber Optic Terminators:
  - 1. Pre-polished crimp on type that has proper ferrule to terminate fiber optic cable.
  - 2. Technical Characteristics:
    - a. Frequency: Light wave.
    - b. Power Blocking: As required.
    - c. Return Loss: 25 dB.
    - d. Connectors: MPO.
    - e. Construction: Ceramic.
- D. Conduit and Signal Ducts:
  - 1. Conduit:
    - Provide conduit or sleeves for cables penetrating walls, ceilings, floors, interstitial space, fire barriers, etc.
    - b. Minimum Conduit Size: 19 mm (3/4 inch).
    - c. Provide separate conduit and signal ducts for each cable type installation.
    - d. When metal (plastic covered, flexible cable protective armor, etc.) systems are authorized to be provided for use in system, follow installation guidelines and standard specified in Section 27 05 33, RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS and NEC.
    - e. Maximum 40 percent conduit fill for cable installation.
  - Signal Duct, Cable Duct, or Cable Tray: Use existing signal duct, cable duct, and cable tray, when identified and accepted by COR.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 INSTALLATION

A. Install for ease of operation, maintenance, and testing.

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- B. Install system to comply with NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities, NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, Joint Commission Manual for Health Care Facilities, and original equipment manufacturers' (OEM) installation instructions.
- C. Cable Systems Installation:
  - Install system cables in cable duct, cable tray, cable runway, conduit or when specifically approved, flexible NEC Article 800 communications raceway. Confirm drawings show sufficient quantity and size of cable pathways. If flexible communications raceway is used, install in same manner as conduit.
  - Coordinate outside plant and backbone cables to furnish number of cable pairs for system requirements and obtain approval of COR and IT Service prior to installation.
  - Bond to ground metallic cable sheaths, etc. (i.e. risers, underground, horizontal, etc.).
  - 4. Install temporary cable to not present a pedestrian safety hazard and be responsible for all work associated with removal. Temporary cable installations are not required to meet Industry Standards; but, must be reviewed and accepted by COR, IT Service, FMS and SMCS 0050P2H3 (202-461-5310) prior to installation.
- D. Patient Bedside Prefabricated Units (PBPU) Installation:
  - Under no circumstances, proceed with installing PBPU without written approval of PBPU OEM and specific instructions regarding attachment to or modifying of PBPU.
  - Maintain UL integrity of each PBPU. If installation violates UL integrity, obtain on site UL re-certification of violated PBPU at the direction of COR.
- E. Labeling:
  - 1. Industry Standard: Provide labeling in accordance with ANSI/TIA-606-B.
  - 2. Print lettering of labels with laser printers handwritten

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- 3. Label both ends of all cables in accordance with industry standard. Provide permanent Labels in contrasting colors and identify according to system "Record Wiring Diagrams".
- 4. Termination Hardware: Label workstation outlets and patch panel connections using color coded labels with identifiers in accordance with industry standard and record on "Record Wiring Diagrams".

# 3.2 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Interim Inspection:

- Verify that equipment provided adheres to installation requirements of this section. Interim inspection must be conducted by a factory-certified representative and witnessed by COR.
- 2. Check each item of installed equipment to ensure appropriate NRTL label.
- 3. Verify cabling terminations in telecommunications rooms and at workstations adhere to color code for T568B pin assignments and cabling connections comply with TIA standards.
- 4. Visually confirm marking of cables, faceplates, patch panel connectors and patch cords.
- 5. Perform fiber optical field inspection tests via attenuation measurements on factory reels and provide results along with manufacturer certification for factory reel tests. Remove failed cable reels from project site upon attenuation test failure.
- 6. Notify COR of the estimated date the contractor expects to be ready for interim inspection, at least 20 working days before requested inspection date, so interim inspection does not affect systems' completion date.
- 7. Provide results of interim inspection to COR. If major or multiple deficiencies are discovered, COR can require a second interim inspection before permitting contractor to continue with system installation.

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- 8. Do not proceed with installation until COR determines if an additional inspection is required. In either case, reinspection of deficiencies noted during interim inspections must be part of the proof of performance test.
- B. Pretesting:
  - 1. Pretest entire system upon completion of system installation.
  - Verify during system pretest, utilizing the accepted equipment, that system is fully operational and meets system performance requirements of this section.
  - Provide COR four copies of recorded system pretest measurements and the written certification that system is ready for formal acceptance test.
- C. Acceptance Test:
  - After system has been pretested and the contractor has submitted pretest results and certification to COR, then schedule an acceptance test date and give COR 30 days' written notice prior to date acceptance test is expected to begin.
  - 2. Test only in presence of a COR.
  - 3. Test utilizing approved test equipment to certify proof of performance.
  - 4. Verify that total system meets the requirements of this section.
  - 5. Include expected duration of test time, with notification of the acceptance test.
- D. Verification Tests:
  - Test UTP copper cabling for DC loop resistance, shorts, opens, intermittent faults, and polarity between conductors, and between conductors and shield, if cable has an overall shield. Test cables after termination and prior to cross-connection.
  - Multi-mode Fiber Optic Cable: Perform end-to-end attenuation tests in accordance with TIA-568-B.3 and TIA-526-14A using Method A, Optical Power Meter and Light Source and Method B, OTDR. Perform verification acceptance test.

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- 3. Single mode Fiber Optic Cable: Perform end-to-end attenuation tests in accordance with TIA-568-B.3 and TIA-526-7 using Method A, Optical Power Meter and Light Source and Method B, OTDR. Perform verification acceptance test.
- E. Performance Testing:
  - Perform Category 6A for specialized powered systems accepted by SMCS 0050P2H3, (202) 461-5310, IT and FMS Services and COR) tests in accordance with TIA-568-B.1 and TIA-568-B.2. Include the following tests - wire map, length, insertion loss, return loss, NEXT, PSNEXT, ELFEXT, PSELFEXT, propagation delay and delay skew.
  - 2. Fiber Optic Links: Perform end-to-end fiber optic cable link tests in accordance with TIA-568-B.3.
- F. Total System Acceptance Test: Perform verification tests for UTP after complete telecommunication distribution system and workstation outlet are installed.

# 3.3 MAINTENANCE

- A. Accomplish the following minimum requirements during one year warranty period:
  - Respond and correct on-site trouble calls, during standard work week:
    - a. A routine trouble call within one working day of its report. A routine trouble is considered a trouble which causes a system outlet, station, or patch cord to be inoperable.
    - b. Standard work week is considered 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday exclusive of Federal holidays.
  - Respond to an emergency trouble call within six hours of its report. An emergency trouble is considered a trouble which causes a subsystem or distribution point to be inoperable at any time.
  - 3. Respond on-site to a catastrophic trouble call within four hours of its report. A catastrophic trouble call is considered total system failure.

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- a. If a system failure cannot be corrected within four hours (exclusive of standard work time limits), provide alternate equipment, or cables within four hours after four-hour trouble shooting time.
- b. Routine or emergency trouble calls in critical emergency health care facilities (i.e., cardiac arrest, intensive care units, etc.) are also be deemed as a catastrophic trouble.
- 4. Provide COR written report itemizing each deficiency found and the corrective action performed during each official reported trouble call. Provide COR with sample copies of reports for review and approval at beginning of total system acceptance test.

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# SECTION 27 15 13 COMMUNICATIONS COPPER HORIZONTAL CABLING

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies requirements for telecommunications copper (UTP) horizontal distribution cabling outside of the computer room. For copper (UTP) horizontal cabling in structured cabling systems in the computer room, see Section 27 13 13 Communications Copper Backbone Cabling.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

A. Copper (UTP) Horizontal Cables.

#### 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

### 1.4 RELATED WORK

A. Computer room structured cabling: Section 27 10 00, STRUCTURED CABLING.

B. Termination equipment: Section 27 11 19, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS.

B. Cable labeling requirements: Section 27 05 53, IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

# 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 COPPER (UTP) HORIZONTAL CABLES

Copper (UTP) horizontal cables connect the Telecommunications Room (TR) to each end-user Work Area Outlet (WAO) (horizontal distribution).

A. Performance Category. Copper (UTP) horizontal cables shall meet the Category 6A performance requirements. Category 6A connectors are required.

B. Performance Specifications. Meets or exceeds TIA-EIA-568-C.2-10 and TSB-155.

C. Limited Power (LP) Certification. UL Listed as x-LP (0.5A).

D. Termination. Field terminated TIA 568B.

E. Testing. Following installation, each cable shall be field certified to meet performance category requirements per TIA 568-C.2.

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G. Jacket Rating. Communications Multipurpose Cable, Plenum (CMP) shall be specified if any portion of the cable passes through an NEC-defined plenum. Communications Multipurpose Cable, Riser (CMR) shall be specified for all other applications. CMP may be used as a substitute for CMR.

H. Construction. Copper Clad Aluminum (CCA) cable is not permitted.

J. Length. The maximum distance for UTP horizontal cables is limited to 295 feet.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 IMPLEMENTATION

- A. A. All cabling and equipment shall be labeled per the requirements of the VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.
- B. Interior to the TR, install horizontal copper (UTP) structured cabling in overhead cable tray.

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# SECTION 27 15 13.13

# COMMUNICATIONS OPTICAL FIBER SPLICING AND TERMINATIONS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies requirements for terminations of fiber optic cabling.

### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

A. Termination Requirements.

# 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

### 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. Termination equipment: Section 27 11 19, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS.
- B. Fiber optic cabling requirements: Section 27 13 23, COMMUNICATIONS OPTICAL FIBER BACKBONE CABLING.

# 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

Not used.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Terminate fiber optic cabling with duplex Lucent connector (LC) adapters, 12-fiber multi-fiber push on (MPO) connectors, or 24-fiber multi-fiber push on (MPO) connectors as required for the application.

B. Pre-terminated connections are preferred for computer room structured cabling applications. Field termination (fusion splicing) for non-computer room applications where cable lengths cannot be determined in advance is acceptable.

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#### SECTION 27 16 19

# COMMUNICATIONS PATCH CORDS, STATION CORDS, AND CROSS CONNECT WIRE

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies requirements for telecommunications patch cords.

#### 1.2 SUMMARY

Section Includes:

- A. Copper (UTP) Patch Cables.
- B. Fiber Optic Patch Cables.

#### 1.3 REFERENCES

A. VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

### 1.4 RELATED WORK

- A. Termination equipment: Section 27 11 19, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINATION BLOCKS AND PATCH PANELS.
- B. Cable labeling requirements: Section 27 05 53, IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit in accordance with Section 27 05 00, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 COPPER (UTP) PATCH CABLES

A. Performance Category. Patch cables shall meet the Category 6A performance requirements. Category 6A connectors are required.

B. Termination Method. Factory pre-terminated TIA 568B.

C. Conductor Size. 22-28AWG. Where 28AWG patch cords are specified, the overall horizontal channel distance is reduced.

D. Length. Patch cords of the shortest appropriate length shall be used.

#### 2.2 FIBER OPTIC PATCH CABLES

A. Construction. Fiber patch cords shall be constructed of pairs (2strands) of multimode laser-enhanced 50/125µm or single mode laseroptimized 9/125µm fiber.

B. Performance Category. Multimode patch cords shall meet the OM4 performance requirements.

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D. Termination Method. Factory pre-terminated.

E. Length. Patch cords of the shortest appropriate length shall be used.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 IMPLEMENTATION

A. Patch cords shall not be used to connect equipment in different server cabinets.

B. Patch cords shall be neatly installed using cable management equipment and following cable management principles.

C. Upon installation patch cords shall be labeled in accordance with the requirements of the VA Infrastructure Standard for Telecommunications Spaces.

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### SECTION 28 08 00

#### COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY SYSTEMS

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. The requirements of this Section apply to all sections of Division 28.
- B. This project will have selected building systems commissioned. The complete list of equipment and systems to be commissioned is specified in Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS. The commissioning process, which the Contractor is responsible to execute, is defined in Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIRMENTS. A Commissioning Agent (CxA) appointed by the VA will manage the commissioning process.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 01 00 00 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS.
- C. Section 01 33 23 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.

### 1.3 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes requirements for commissioning the Facility electronic safety and security systems, related subsystems and related equipment. This Section supplements the general requirements specified in Section 01 91 00 General Commissioning Requirements.
- B. Refer to Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS for more details regarding processes and procedures as well as roles and responsibilities for all Commissioning Team members.

### 1.4 DEFINITIONS

A. Refer to Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS for definitions.

## 1.5 COMMISSIONED SYSTEMS

- A. Commissioning of a system or systems specified in Division 28 is part of the construction process. Documentation and testing of these systems, as well as training of the VA's Operation and Maintenance personnel in accordance with the requirements of Section 01 91 00 and of Division 28, is required in cooperation with the VA and the Commissioning Agent.
- B. The Facility exterior closure systems commissioning will include the systems listed in Section 01 91 00 General Commissioning Requirements:

# 1.6 SUBMITTALS

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- A. The commissioning process requires review of selected Submittals that pertain to the systems to be commissioned. The Commissioning Agent will provide a list of submittals that will be reviewed by the Commissioning Agent. This list will be reviewed and approved by the VA prior to forwarding to the Contractor. Refer to Section 01 33 23 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, and SAMPLES for further details.
- B. The commissioning process requires Submittal review simultaneously with engineering review. Specific submittal requirements related to the commissioning process are specified in Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS (NOT USED)

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

A. Commissioning of Electronic Safety and Security systems will require inspection of individual elements of the electronic safety and security systems throughout the construction period. The Contractor shall coordinate with the Commissioning Agent in accordance with Section 01 91 00 and the Commissioning plan to schedule electronic safety and security systems inspections as required to support the Commissioning Process.

# 3.2 PRE-FUNCTIONAL CHECKLISTS

A. The Contractor shall complete Pre-Functional Checklists to verify systems, subsystems, and equipment installation is complete and systems are ready for Systems Functional Performance Testing. The Commissioning Agent will prepare Pre-Functional Checklists to be used to document equipment installation. The Contractor shall complete the checklists. Completed checklists shall be submitted to the VA and to the Commissioning Agent for review. The Commissioning Agent may spot check a sample of completed checklists. If the Commissioning Agent determines that the information provided on the checklist is not accurate, the Commissioning Agent will return the marked-up checklist to the Contractor for correction and resubmission. If the Commissioning Agent determines that a significant number of completed checklists for similar equipment are not accurate, the Commissioning Agent will select a broader sample of checklists for review. If the Commissioning Agent determines that a significant number of the broader sample of checklists is also inaccurate, all the checklists for the type of equipment will be returned to the Contractor for correction and resubmission. Refer to SECTION 01 91 00 Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 08 00 - 2 of 4 COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRONIC (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center SAFETY AND SECURITY SYSTEMS VA Project No. 568A4-21-702

GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS for submittal requirements for Pre-Functional Checklists, Equipment Startup Reports, and other commissioning documents.

### 3.3 CONTRACTORS TESTS

A. Contractor tests as required by other sections of Division 28 shall be scheduled and documented in accordance with Section 01 00 00 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. All testing shall be incorporated into the project schedule. Contractor shall provide no less than 7 calendar days' notice of testing. The Commissioning Agent will witness selected Contractor tests at the sole discretion of the Commissioning Agent. Contractor tests shall be completed prior to scheduling Systems Functional Performance Testing.

#### 3.4 SYSTEMS FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE TESTING

A. The Commissioning Process includes Systems Functional Performance Testing that is intended to test systems functional performance under steady state conditions, to test system reaction to changes in operating conditions, and system performance under emergency conditions. The Commissioning Agent will prepare detailed Systems Functional Performance Test procedures for review and approval by the Resident Engineer. The Contractor shall review and comment on the tests prior to approval. The Contractor shall provide the required labor, materials, and test equipment identified in the test procedure to perform the tests. The Commissioning Agent will witness and document the testing. The Contractor shall sign the test reports to verify tests were performed. See Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS, for additional details.

### 3.5 TRAINING OF VA PERSONNEL

A. Training of the VA operation and maintenance personnel is required in cooperation with the Resident Engineer and Commissioning Agent. Provide competent, factory authorized personnel to provide instruction to operation and maintenance personnel concerning the location, operation, and troubleshooting of the installed systems. Contractor shall submit training agendas and trainer resumes in accordance with the requirements of Section 01 91 00. The instruction shall be scheduled in coordination with the VA Resident Engineer after submission and approval of formal training plans. Refer to Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS and Division 28 Sections for additional Contractor training requirements.

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# SECTION 28 13 00

# PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

### PART 1 - GENERAL

# 1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies the finishing, installation, connection, testing and certification of an extension of the existing Physical Access Control System, hereinafter referred to as the PACS.
- B. This Section includes a Physical Access Control System consisting of existing software and computers, and new field- installed Controllers connected by a high-speed electronic data transmission network. The PACS shall have the following:
- C. Physical Access Control System (PACS) new work shall consist of:
  - 1. Field installed controllers,
  - 2. Card readers
  - 3. Door locks and sensors
  - 4. Power supplies
- D. System Software: Existing Johnson Controls central-station, workstation operating system, server operating system, and application software.
- E. Systems Networks:
  - An existing standalone system network interconnects all components of the system.

### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 01 00 00 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. For General Requirements.
- B. Section 07 84 00 FIRESTOPPING. Requirements for firestopping application and use.
- C. Section 08 71 00 DOOR HARDWARE. Requirements for door installation.
- D. Section 10 14 00 SIGNAGE. Requirements for labeling and signs.
- E. Section 26 05 11 REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS. Requirements for connection of high voltage.
- F. Section 26 05 21 LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND

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- G. Section 26 05 26 GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. Requirements for grounding of equipment.
- H. Section 26 05 33 RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. Requirements for infrastructure.
- I. Section 28 08 00 COMMISIONING OF ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. For requirements for commissioning, systems readiness checklists, and training.
- J. Section 28 31 00 FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM. Requirements for integration with fire detection and alarm system.

## 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing, installing, and the operation of the PACS as shown. The Contractor shall also provide certification as required.
- B. The security system will be installed and tested to ensure all components are fully compatible as a system and can be integrated with all associated security subsystems, whether the security system is stand-alone or a part of a complete Information Technology (IT) computer network.
- C. Manufacturers Qualifications: The manufacturer shall regularly and presently produce, as one of the manufacturer's principal products, the equipment and material specified for this project, and shall have manufactured the item for at least three years.
- D. Product Qualifications:
  - Manufacturer's product shall have been in satisfactory operation, on three installations of similar size and type as this project, for approximately three years.
  - 2. The Government reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit a list of installations where the products have been in operation before approval.
- E. Contractor Qualifications:
  - The Contractor or security sub-contractor shall be a licensed security Contractor with a minimum of five (5) years

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experience installing and servicing systems of similar scope and complexity. The Contractor shall be an authorized regional representative of the Security Management System's (PACS) manufacturer. The Contractor shall provide four (4) current references from clients with systems of similar scope and complexity which became operational in the past three (3) years. At least three (3) of the references shall be utilizing the same system components, in a similar configuration as the proposed system. The references must include a current point of contact, company or agency name, address, telephone number, complete system description, date of completion, and approximate cost of the project. The owner reserves the option to visit the reference sites, with the site owner's permission and representative, to verify the quality of installation and the references' level of satisfaction with the system. The Contractor shall provide copies of system manufacturer certification for all technicians. The Contractor shall only utilize factory-trained technicians to install, program, and service the PACS. The Contractor shall only utilize factorytrained technicians to install, terminate and service controller/field panels and reader modules. The technicians shall have a minimum of five (5) continuous years of technical experience in electronic security systems. The Contractor shall have a local service facility. The facility shall be located within 60 miles of the project site. The local facility shall include sufficient spare parts inventory to support the service requirements associated with this contract. The facility shall also include appropriate diagnostic equipment to perform diagnostic procedures. The COR reserves the option of surveying the company's facility to verify the service inventory and presence of a local service organization.

 a. The Contractor shall provide proof project superintendent with BICSI Certified Commercial Installer Level 1, Level 2,
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- b. Cable installer must have on staff a Registered Communication Distribution Designer (RCDD) certified by Building Industry Consulting Service International. The staff member shall provide consistent oversight of the project cabling throughout design, layout, installation, termination and testing.
- F. Service Qualifications: There shall be a permanent service organization maintained or trained by the manufacturer which will render satisfactory service to this installation within four hours of receipt of notification that service is needed. Submit name and address of service organizations.

### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit below items in conjunction with Master Specification Sections 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES, Section 02 41 00, DEMOLITION.
- B. Provide certificates of compliance with Section 1.3, Quality Assurance.
- C. Provide a complete and thorough pre-installation and as-built design package in both electronic format and on paper, minimum size 48 x 48 inches (1220 x 1220 millimeters); drawing submittals shall be per the established project schedule.
- D. Shop drawing and as-built packages shall include, but not be limited to:
  - 1. Index Sheet that shall:
    - Define each page of the design package to include facility name, building name, floor, and sheet number.
    - Provide a complete list of all security abbreviations and symbols.
    - c. Reference all general notes that are utilized within the design package.
    - d. Specification and scope of work pages for all individual security systems that are applicable to the design package that will:

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- 1) Outline all general and job specific work required within the design package.
- Provide a detailed device identification table outlining device Identification (ID) and use for all security systems equipment utilized in the design package.
- Drawing sheets that will be plotted on the individual floor plans or site plans shall:
  - a. Include a title block as defined above.
  - b. Clearly define the drawings scale in both standard and metric measurements.
  - c. Provide device identification and location.
  - d. Address all signal and power conduit runs and sizes that are associated with the design of the electronic security system and other security elements (e.g., barriers, etc.).
  - e. Identify all pull box and conduit locations, sizes, and fill capacities.
  - $f\!.$  Address all general and drawing specific notes for a particular drawing sheet.
- 3. A detailed riser drawing for each applicable security subsystem shall:
  - a. Indicate the sequence of operation.
  - b. Relationship of integrated components on one diagram.
  - c. Include the number, size, identification, and maximum lengths of interconnecting wires.
  - d. Wire/cable types shall be defined by a wire and cable schedule. The schedule shall utilize a lettering system that will correspond to the wire/cable it represents (example: A = 18 AWG/1 Pair Twisted, Unshielded). This schedule shall also provide the manufacturer's name and part number for the wire/cable being installed.
- 4. A detailed system drawing for each applicable security system shall:
  - a. Clearly identify how all equipment within the system, from main panel to device, shall be laid out and connected.
  - b. Provide full detail of all system components wiring from point-to-point.

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- c. Identify wire types utilized for connection, interconnection with associate security subsystems.
- d. Show device locations that correspond to the floor plans.
- e. All general and drawing specific notes shall be included with the system drawings.
- 5. A detailed schedule for all of the applicable security subsystems shall be included. All schedules shall provide the following information:
  - a. Device ID.
  - b. Device Location (e.g. site, building, floor, room number, location, and description).
  - c. Mounting type (e.g. flush, wall, surface, etc.).
  - d. Power supply or circuit breaker and power panel number.
  - e. In addition, for the PACS, provide the door ID, door type (e.g. wood or metal), locking mechanism (e.g. strike or electromagnetic lock) and control device (e.g. card reader or biometrics).
- 6. Detail and elevation drawings for all devices that define how they were installed and mounted.
- E. Pre-installation design packages shall go through a full review process conducted by the Contractor along with a VA representative to ensure all work has been clearly defined and completed. All reviews shall be conducted in accordance with the project schedule. There shall be four (4) stages to the review process:
  - 1. 35 percent
  - 2. 65 percent
  - 3. 90 percent
  - 4. 100 percent
- F. Provide manufacturer security system product cut-sheets. Submit for approval at least 30 days prior to commencement of formal testing, a Security System Operational Test Plan. Include procedures for operational testing of each component

and security subsystem, to include performance of an Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 13 00 - 6 of 74 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 integrated system test.

- G. Submit manufacture's certification of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) listing as specified. Provide all maintenance and operating manuals per Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- H. Completed System Readiness Checklists provided by the Commissioning Agent and completed by the contractor, signed by a qualified technician and dated on the date of completion, in accordance with the requirements of Section 28 08 00 COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY SYSTEMS.
- I. General: Submittals shall be in full compliance of the Contract Documents. All submittals shall be provided in accordance with this section. Submittals lacking the breath or depth these requirements will be considered incomplete and rejected. Submissions are considered multidisciplinary and shall require coordination with applicable divisions to provide a complete and comprehensive submission package. Additional general provisions are as follows:
  - The Contractor shall schedule submittals in order to maintain the project schedule. For coordination drawings refer to Specification Section 01 33 10 - DESIGN SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES, which outline basic submittal requirements and coordination. Section 01 33 10 shall be used in conjunction with this section.
  - The Contractor shall identify variations from requirements of Contract Documents and state product and system limitations, which may be detrimental to successful performance of the completed work or system.
  - 3. Each package shall be submitted at one (1) time for each review and include components from applicable disciplines (e.g., electrical work, architectural finishes, door hardware, etc.) which are required to produce an accurate and detailed depiction of the project.

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- 4. Manufacturer's information used for submittal shall have pages with items for approval tagged, items on pages shall be identified, and capacities and performance parameters for review shall be clearly marked through use of an arrow or highlighting. Provide space for COR and Contractor review stamps.
- 5. Technical Data Drawings shall be in the latest version of AutoCAD®, drawn accurately, and in accordance with VA CAD Standards. FREEHAND SKETCHES OR COPIED VERSIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The Contractor shall not reproduce Contract Documents or copy standard information as the basis of the Technical Data Drawings. If departures from the technical data drawings are subsequently deemed necessary by the Contractor, details of such departures and the reasons thereof shall be submitted in writing to the COR for approval before the initiation of work.
- 6. Packaging: The Contractor shall organize the submissions according to the following packaging requirements.
  - a. Binders: For each manual, provide heavy duty, commercial quality, durable three (3) ring vinyl covered loose leaf binders, sized to receive 8.5 x 11 in paper, and appropriate capacity to accommodate the contents. Provide a clear plastic sleeve on the spine to hold labels describing the contents. Provide pockets in the covers to receive folded sheets.
    - Where two (2) or more binders are necessary to accommodate data, correlate data in each binder into related groupings according to the Project Manual table of contents. Cross-referencing other binders where necessary to provide essential information for communication of proper operation and or maintenance of the component or system.
    - 2) Identify each binder on the front and spine with

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- b. Dividers: Provide heavy paper dividers with celluloid tabs for each Section. Mark each tab to indicate contents.
- c. Protective Plastic Jackets: Provide protective transparent plastic jackets designed to enclose diagnostic software for computerized electronic equipment.
- d. Text Material: Where written material is required as part of the manual use the manufacturer's standard printed material, or if not available, specially prepared data, neatly typewritten on 8.5 inches by 11 inches 20 pound white bond paper.
- e. Drawings: Where drawings and/or diagrams are required as part of the manual, provide reinforced punched binder tabs on the drawings and bind them with the text.
  - Where oversized drawings are necessary, fold the drawings to the same size as the text pages and use as a foldout.
  - 2) If drawings are too large to be used practically as a foldout, place the drawing, neatly folded, in the front or rear pocket of the binder. Insert a type written page indicating the drawing title, description of contents and drawing location at the appropriate location of the manual.
  - Drawings shall be sized to ensure details and text is of legible size. Text shall be no less than 1/16" tall.
- f. Manual Content: In each manual include information specified in the individual Specification section, and the following information for each major component of building equipment and controls:
  - 1) General system or equipment description.

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- 2) Design factors and assumptions.
- 3) Copies of applicable Shop Drawings and Product Data.
- 4) System or equipment identification including: manufacturer, model and serial numbers of each component, operating instructions, emergency instructions, wiring diagrams, inspection and test procedures, maintenance procedures and schedules, precautions against improper use and maintenance, repair instructions, sources of required maintenance materials and related services, and a manual index.
- g. Binder Organization: Organize each manual into separate sections for each piece of related equipment. At a minimum, each manual shall contain a title page, table of contents, copies of Product Data supplemented by drawings and written text, and copies of each warranty, bond, certifications, and service Contract issued. Refer to Group I through V Technical Data Package Submittal requirements for required section content.
- h. Title Page: Provide a title page as the first sheet of each manual to include the following information; project name and address, subject matter covered by the manual, name and address of the Project, date of the submittal, name, address, and telephone number of the Contractor, and cross references to related systems in other operating and/or maintenance manuals.
- i. Table of Contents: After the title page, include a type written table of contents for each volume, arranged systematically according to the Project Manual format.
  Provide a list of each product included, identified by product name or other appropriate identifying symbols and indexed to the content of the volume. Where more than one (1) volume is required to hold data for a particular system, provide a comprehensive table of contents for all

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- j. General Information Section: Provide a general information section immediately following the table of contents, listing each product included in the manual, identified by product name. Under each product, list the name, address, and telephone number of the installer and maintenance Contractor. In addition, list a local source for replacement parts and equipment.
- k. Drawings: Provide specially prepared drawings where necessary to supplement the manufacturers printed data to illustrate the relationship between components of equipment or systems, or provide control or flow diagrams. Coordinate these drawings with information contained in Project Record Drawings to assure correct illustration of the completed installation.
- 1. Manufacturer's Data: Where manufacturer's standard printed data is included in the manuals, include only those sheets that are pertinent to the part or product installed. Mark each sheet to identify each part or product included in the installation. Where more than one (1) item in tabular format is included, identify each item, using appropriate references from the Contract Documents. Identify data that is applicable to the installation and delete references to information which is not applicable.
- m. Where manufacturer's standard printed data is not available and the information is necessary for proper operation and maintenance of equipment or systems, or it is necessary to provide additional information to supplement the data included in the manual, prepare written text to provide the necessary information. Organize the text in a consistent format under a separate heading for different procedures. Where necessary, provide a logical sequence of instruction for each operating or maintenance procedure. Where similar

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- n. Calculations: Provide a section for circuit and panel calculations.
- o. Loading Sheets: Provide a section for DGP Loading Sheets.
- p. Certifications: Provide section for Contractor's manufacturer certifications.
- 7. Contractor Review: Review submittals prior to transmittal. Determine and verify field measurements and field construction criteria. Verify manufacturer's catalog numbers and conformance of submittal with requirements of contract documents. Return non-conforming or incomplete submittals with requirements of the work and contract documents. Apply Contractor's stamp with signature certifying the review and verification of products occurred, and the field dimensions, adjacent construction, and coordination of information is in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents.
- Resubmission: Revise and resubmit submittals as required within 15 calendar days of return of submittal. Make resubmissions under procedures specified for initial submittals. Identify all changes made since previous submittal.
- 9. Product Data: Within 15 calendar days after execution of the contract, the Contractor shall submit for approval a complete list of all of major products proposed for use. The data shall include name of manufacturer, trade name, model number, the associated contract document section number, paragraph number, and the referenced standards for each listed product.
- J. Group 1 Technical Data Package: Group I Technical Data Package shall be one submittal consisting of the following content and organization. Refer to VA Special Conditions Document for drawing format and content requirements. The data package shall include the following:

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- 1. Section I Drawings:
  - a. General Drawings shall conform to VA Special Conditions and CAD Standards Documents. All text associated with security details shall be 1/8" tall and meet VA text standard for AutoCAD<sup>™</sup> drawings.
  - b. Cover Sheet Cover sheet shall consist of Project Title and Address, Project Number, Area and Vicinity Maps.
  - c. General Information Sheets General Information Sheets shall consist of General Notes, Abbreviations, Symbols, Wire and Cable Schedule, Project Phasing, and Sheet Index.
  - d. Floor Plans Floor plans shall be produced from the Architectural backgrounds issued in the Construction Documents. The contractor shall receive floor plans from the prime A/E to develop these drawing sets. Security devices shall be placed on drawings in scale. All text associated with security details shall be 1/8" tall and meet VA text standard for AutoCAD<sup>™</sup> drawings. Floor plans shall identify the following:
    - 1) security devices by symbol,
    - the associated device point number (derived from the loading sheets),
    - 3) wire & cable types and counts
    - 4) conduit sizing and routing
    - 5) conduit riser systems
    - 6) device and area detail call outs
  - e. Architectural details Architectural details shall be produced for each device mounting type (door details for doors with physical access control, reader pedestals and mounts, security panel and power supply details).
  - f. Riser Diagrams Contractor shall provide a riser diagram indicating riser architecture and distribution of the physical access control system throughout the facility (or area in scope).

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- g. Block Diagrams Contractor shall provide a block diagram for the entire system architecture and interconnections with SMS subsystems. Block diagram shall identify SMS subsystem integration; and data transmission and media conversion methodologies.
- h. Interconnection Diagrams Contractor shall provide interconnection diagram for each sensor, and device component. Interconnection diagram shall identify termination locations, standard wire detail to include termination schedule. Diagram shall also identify interfaces to other systems such as elevator control, fire alarm systems, and security management systems.
- i. Security Details:
  - Panel Assembly Detail For each panel assembly, a panel assembly details shall be provided identifying individual panel component size and content.
  - Panel Details Provide security panel details identify general arrangement of the security system components, backboard size, wire through size and location, and power circuit requirements.
  - 3) Device Mounting Details Provide mounting detailed drawing for each security device for each type of wall and ceiling configuration in project. Device details shall include device, mounting detail, wiring and conduit routing.
  - 4) Details of connections to power supplies and grounding
  - 5) Details of surge protection device installation
  - Sensor detection patterns Each system sensor shall have associated detection patterns.
  - 7) Equipment Rack Detail For each equipment rack, provide a scaled detail of the equipment rack location and rack space utilization. Use of BISCI wire management standards shall be employed to identify wire management

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- j. Electrical Panel Schedule Electrical Panel Details shall be provided for all SMS systems electrical power circuits. Panel details shall be provided identifying panel type (Standard, Emergency Power, Emergency/Uninterrupted Power Source, and Uninterrupted Power Source Only), panel location, circuit number, and circuit amperage rating.
- k. Door Schedule A door schedule shall be developed for each door equipped with electronic security components. At a minimum, the door schedule shall be coordinated with Division 08 work and include the following information:
  - 1) Item Number
  - 2) Door Number (Derived from A/E Drawings)
  - 3) Floor Plan Sheet Number
  - 4) Standard Detail Number
  - 5) Door Description (Derived from Loading Sheets)
  - 6) Data Gathering Panel Input Number
  - 7) Door Position or Monitoring Device Type & Model Number
  - 8) Lock Type, Model Number & Power Input/Draw (standby/active)
  - 9) Card Reader Type & Model Number
  - 10) Shunting Device Type & Model Number
  - 11) Sounder Type & Model Number
  - 12) Manufacturer
  - 13) Misc. devices as required
    - a) Delayed Egress Type & Model Number
    - b) Intercom
    - c) Camera
    - d) Electric Transfer Hinge
    - e) Electric Pass-through device
  - 14) Remarks column indicating special notes or door

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- 2. Section II Data Gathering Panel Documentation Package
  - a. Contractor shall provide Data Gathering Panel (DGP) input and output documentation packages for review at the Shop Drawing submittal stage and also with the as-built documentation package. The documentation packages shall be provided in both printed and magnetic form at both review stages.
  - b. The Contractor shall provide loading sheet documentation package for the associated DGP, including input and output boards for all field panels associated with the project. Documentation shall be provided in current version Microsoft Excel spreadsheets following the format currently utilized by VA. A separate spreadsheet file shall be generated for each DGP and associated field panels.

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- c. The spreadsheet names shall follow a sequence that shall display the spreadsheets in numerical order according to the DGP system number. The spreadsheet shall include the prefix in the file name that uniquely identifies the project site. The spreadsheet shall detail all connected items such as card readers, alarm inputs, and relay output connections. The spreadsheet shall include an individual section (row) for each panel input, output and card reader. The spreadsheet shall automatically calculate the system numbers for card readers, inputs, and outputs based upon data entered in initialization fields.
- d. All entries must be verified against the field devices.
   Copies of the floor plans shall be forwarded under separate cover.
- e. The DGP spreadsheet shall include an entry section for the following information:
  - 1) DGP number
  - 2) First Reader Number
  - 3) First Monitor Point Number
  - 4) First Relay Number
  - 5) DGP, input or output Location
  - 6) DGP Chain Number
  - 7) DGP Cabinet Tamper Input Number
  - 8) DGP Power Fail Input Number
  - 9) Number of Monitor Points Reserved For Expansion Boards
  - Number of Control Points (Relays) Reserved For Expansion Boards
- f. The DGP, input module and output module spreadsheets shall automatically calculate the following information based upon the associated entries in the above fields:
  - 1) System Numbers for Card Readers
  - 2) System Numbers for Monitor Point Inputs
  - 3) System Numbers for Control Points (Relays)

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- 4) Next DGP or input module First Monitor Point Number
- 5) Next DGP or output module First Control Point Number
- g. The DGP spreadsheet shall provide the following information for each card reader:
  - 1) DGP Reader Number
  - 2) System Reader Number
  - 3) Cable ID Number
  - 4) Description Field (Room Number)
  - 5) Description Field (Device Type i.e.: In Reader, Out Reader, etc.)
  - 6) Description Field
  - 7) DGP Input Location
  - 8) Date Test
  - 9) Date Passed
  - 10) Cable Type
  - 11) Camera Numbers (of cameras viewing the reader location)
- h. The DGP and input module spreadsheet shall provide the following information for each monitor point (alarm input).
  - 1) DGP Monitor Point Input Number
  - 2) System Monitor Point Number
  - 3) Cable ID Number
  - 4) Description Field (Room Number)
  - Description Field (Device Type i.e.: Door Contact, Motion Detector, etc.)
  - 6) DGP or input module Input Location
  - 7) Date Test
  - 8) Date Passed
  - 9) Cable Type
  - 10) Camera Numbers (of associated alarm event preset call-ups)
- The DGP and output module spreadsheet shall provide the following information for each control point (output relay).
  - 1) DGP Control Point (Relay) Number
  - 2) System (Control Point) Number

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- 3) Cable ID Number
- 4) Description Field (Room Number)
- 5) Description Field (Device: Lock Control, Local Sounder, etc.)
- 6) Description Field
- 7) DGP or OUTPUT MODULE Output Location
- 8) Date Test
- 9) Date Passed Cable Type
- 10) Camera Number (of associated alarm event preset call-ups)
- j. The DGP, input module and output module spreadsheet shall include the following information or directions in the header and footer:
  - 1) Header
    - a) DGP Input and Output Worksheet
    - b) Enter Beginning Reader, Input, and Output Starting Numbers and Sheet Will Automatically Calculate the Remaining System Numbers.
  - 2) Footer
    - a) File Name
    - b) Date Printed
    - c) Page Number
- 3. Section IV Manufacturers' Data: The data package shall include manufacturers' data for all materials and equipment, including sensors, local processors and console equipment provided under this specification.
- 4. Section V System Description and Analysis: The data package shall include system descriptions, analysis, and calculations used in sizing equipment required by these specifications. Descriptions and calculations shall show how the equipment will operate as a system to meet the performance requirements of this specification. The data package shall include the following:
  - a. Central processor memory size; communication speed and

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- b. Software Data: The data package shall consist of descriptions of the operation and capability of the system, and application software as specified.
- c. Overall System Reliability Calculations: The data package shall include all manufacturers' reliability data and calculations required to show compliance with the specified reliability.
- Section VI Certifications & References: All specified manufacturer's certifications shall be included with the data package. Contractor shall provide Project references as outlined in Paragraph 1.4 "Quality Assurance".
- K. Group II Technical Data Package
  - 1. The Contractor shall prepare a report of "Current Site Conditions" and submit a report to the COR documenting changes to the site, particularly those conditions that affect performance of the system to be installed. The Contractor shall provide specification sheets, or written functional requirements to support the findings, and a cost estimate to correct those site changes or conditions which affect the installation of the system or its performance. The Contractor shall not correct any deficiency without written permission from the COR.
  - System Configuration and Functionality: The contractor shall provide the results of the meeting with VA to develop system requirements and functionality including but not limited to:
    - a. Baseline configuration

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- b. Access levels
- c. Schedules
- d. Badge database
- e. System monitoring and reporting (unit level and central control)
- f. Naming conventions and descriptors
- L. Group III Technical Data Package
  - Development of Test Procedures: The Contractor will prepare performance test procedures for the system testing. The test procedures shall follow the format of the VA Testing procedures and be customized to the contract requirements. The Contractor will deliver the test procedures to the COR for approval at least 60 calendar days prior to the requested test date.
- M. Group IV Technical Data Package
- 1. Performance Verification Test
  - a. Based on the successful completion of the pre-delivery test, the Contractor shall finalize the test procedures and report forms for the performance verification test (PVT) and the endurance test. The PVT shall follow the format, layout and content of the pre-delivery test. The Contractor shall deliver the PVT and endurance test procedures to the COR for approval. The Contractor may schedule the PVT after receiving written approval of the test procedures. The Contractor shall deliver the final PVT and endurance test reports within 14 calendar days from completion of the tests. Refer to Part 3 of this section for System Testing and Acceptance requirements.
  - 2. Training Documentation

- a. Major Renovations: Familiarization training shall be provided for new equipment or systems. Training can include site familiarization training for VA technicians and administrative personnel. Training shall include general information on new system layout including closet locations, turnover of the completed system including all documentation, including manuals, software, key systems, and full system administration rights. Lesson plans and training manuals training shall be oriented to type of training to be provided.
- 3. System Configuration and Data Entry:
  - a. The contractor is responsible for providing all system configuration and data entry for the PACS. All data entry shall be performed per VA standards & guidelines. The Contractor is responsible for participating in all meetings with the client to compile the information needed for data entry. These meetings shall be established at the beginning of the project and incorporated in to the project schedule as a milestone task. The contractor shall be responsible for all data collection, data entry, and system configuration. The contractor shall collect, enter, & program and/or configure the following components:
    1) Physical Access control system components,
  - b. The Contractor is responsible for compiling the card access database for the VA employees, including programming reader configurations, access shifts, schedules, exceptions, card classes and card enrollment databases.
  - c. Refer to Part 3 for system programming requirements and planning guidelines.

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- 4. Graphics: Based on CAD as-built drawings developed for the construction project, create all map sets showing locations of all alarms and field devices. Graphical maps of all alarm points installed under this contract including perimeter and exterior alarm points shall be delivered with the system. The Contractor shall create and install all graphics needed to make the system operational. The Contractor shall utilize data from the contract documents, Contractor's field surveys, and all other pertinent information in the Contractor's possession to complete the graphics. The Contractor shall identify and request from the COR, any additional data needed to provide a complete graphics package. Graphics shall have sufficient level of detail for the system operator to assess the alarm. The Contractor shall supply hard copy, color examples at least  $203.2 \times 254$  mm (8 x 10 in) of each type of graphic to be used for the completed Security system. The graphics examples shall be delivered to the COR for review and approval at least 90 calendar days prior to the scheduled date the Contractor requires them.
- N. Group V Technical Data Package: Final copies of the manuals shall be delivered to the COR as part of the acceptance test. The draft copy used during site testing shall be updated with any changes required prior to final delivery of the manuals. Each manual's contents shall be identified on the cover. The manual shall include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each subcontractor installing equipment or systems, as well as the nearest service representatives for each item of equipment for each system. The manuals shall include a table of contents and tab sheets. Tab sheets shall be placed at the beginning of each chapter or section and at the beginning of each appendix. The final copies delivered after completion of the endurance test shall include all modifications made during installation, checkout, and acceptance. Six (6) hard- copies and one (1) soft

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- Functional Design Manual: The functional design manual shall identify the operational requirements for the entire system and explain the theory of operation, design philosophy, and specific functions. A description of hardware and software functions, interfaces, and requirements shall be included for all system operating modes. Manufacturer developed literature may be used; however, shall be produced to match the project requirements.
- Equipment Manual: A manual describing all equipment furnished including:
  - a. General description and specifications; installation and checkout procedures; equipment electrical schematics and layout drawings; system schematics and layout drawings; alignment and calibration procedures; manufacturer's repair list indicating sources of supply; and interface definition.
- 3. Software Manual: The software manual shall describe the functions of all software and include all other information necessary to enable proper loading, testing, and operation. The manual shall include:
  - a. Definition of terms and functions; use of system and applications software; procedures for system initialization, start-up, and shutdown; alarm reports; reports generation, database format and data entry requirements; directory of all disk files; and description of all communications protocols including data formats, command characters, and a sample of each type of data transfer.
- 4. Operator's Manual: The operator's manual shall fully explain all procedures and instructions for the operation of the system, including:

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- a. Computers and peripherals; system start-up and shutdown procedures; use of system, command, and applications software; recovery and restart procedures; graphic alarm presentation; use of report generator and generation of reports; data entry; operator commands' alarm messages, and printing formats; and system access requirements.
- Maintenance Manual: The maintenance manual shall include descriptions of maintenance for all equipment including inspection, recommend schedules, periodic preventive maintenance, fault diagnosis, and repair or replacement of defective components.
- 6. Spare Parts & Components Data: At the conclusion of the Contractor's work, the Contractor shall submit to the COR a complete list of the manufacturer's recommended spare parts and components required to satisfactorily maintain and service the systems, as well as unit pricing for those parts and components.
- 7. Operation, Maintenance & Service Manuals: The Contractor shall provide two (2) complete sets of operating and maintenance manuals in the form of an instructional manual for use by the VA Security Guard Force personnel. The manuals shall be organized into suitable sets of manageable size. Where possible, assemble instructions for similar equipment into a single binder. If multiple volumes are required, each volume shall be fully indexed and coordinated.
- 8. Equipment and Systems Maintenance Manual: The Contractor shall provide the following descriptive information for each piece of equipment, operating system, and electronic system:
  - a. Equipment and/or system function.
  - b. Operating characteristics.
  - $c.\ \mbox{Limiting conditions.}$
  - d. Performance curves.
  - e. Engineering data and test.

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- f. Complete nomenclature and number of replacement parts.
- g. Provide operating and maintenance instructions including assembly drawings and diagrams required for maintenance and a list of items recommended to stock as spare parts.
- h. Provide information detailing essential maintenance procedures including the following: routine operations, trouble shooting guide, disassembly, repair and reassembly, alignment, adjusting, and checking.
- i. Provide information on equipment and system operating procedures, including the following; start-up procedures, routine and normal operating instructions, regulation and control procedures, instructions on stopping, shut-down and emergency instructions, required sequences for electric and electronic systems, and special operating instructions.
- j. Manufacturer equipment and systems maintenance manuals are permissible.
- 9. Project Redlines: During construction, the Contractor shall maintain an up-to-date set of construction redlines detailing current location and configuration of the project components. The redline documents shall be marked with the words 'Master Redlines' on the cover sheet and be maintained by the Contractor in the project office. The Contractor will provide access to redline documents anytime during the project for review and inspection by the COR or authorized Office of Protection Services representative. Master redlines shall be neatly maintained throughout the project and secured under lock and key in the contractor's onsite project office. Any project component or assembly that is not installed in strict accordance with the drawings shall be so noted on the drawings. Prior to producing Record Construction Documents, the contractor will submit the Master Redline document to the COR for review and approval of all changes or modifications to the documents. Each sheet shall have COR initials indicating authorization to produce "As Built" documents. Field drawings

28 13 00 - 26 of 74 PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM shall be used for data gathering & field changes. These changes shall be made to the master redline documents daily. Field drawings shall not be considered "master redlines".

- 10. Record Specifications: The Contractor shall maintain one (1) copy of the Project Specifications, including addenda and modifications issued, for Project Record Documents. The Contractor shall mark the Specifications to indicate the actual installation where the installation varies substantially from that indicated in the Contract Specifications and modifications issued. (Note related Project Record Drawing information where applicable). The Contractor shall pay particular attention to substitutions, selection of product options, and information on concealed installations that would be difficult to identify or measure and record later. Upon completion of the mark ups, the Contractor shall submit record Specifications to the COR. As with master relines, Contractor shall maintain record specifications for COR review and inspection at anytime.
- 11. Record Product Data: The Contractor shall maintain one (1) copy of each Product Data submittal for Project Record Document purposes. The Data shall be marked to indicate the actual product installed where the installation varies substantially from that indicated in the Product Data submitted. Significant changes in the product delivered to the site and changes in manufacturer's instructions and recommendations for installation shall be included. Particular attention will be given to information on concealed products and installations that cannot be readily identified or recorded later. Note related Change Orders and mark up of Record Construction Documents, where applicable. Upon completion of mark up, submit a complete set of Record Product Data to the COR.
- 12. Miscellaneous Records: The Contractor shall maintain one (1)

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- b. Testing and qualification of tradesmen. ("Contractor's Qualifications")
- $c.\ \mbox{Documented}$  qualification of installation firms.
- d. Load and performance testing.
- e. Inspections and certifications.
- $f_{\cdot}$   $% f_{\cdot}$  Final inspection and correction procedures.
- g. Project schedule
- 13. Record Construction Documents (Record As-Built)
  - a. Upon project completion, the contractor shall submit the project master redlines to the COR prior to development of Record construction documents. The COR shall be given a minimum of a thirty (30) day review period to determine the adequacy of the master redlines. If the master redlines are found suitable by the COR, the COR will initial and date each sheet and turn redlines over to the contractor for as built development.
  - b. The Contractor shall provide the COR a complete set of "asbuilt" drawings and original master redlined marked "asbuilt" blue-line in the latest version of AutoCAD drawings unlocked on CD or DVD. The as-built drawing shall include security device number, security closet connection location, data gathering panel number, and input or output number as applicable. All corrective notations made by the Contractor shall be legible when submitted to the COR. If,

in the opinion of the COR, any redlined notation is not Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 13 00 - 28 of 74 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 legible, it shall be returned to the Contractor for resubmission at no extra cost to the Owner. The Contractor shall organize the Record Drawing sheets into manageable sets bound with durable paper cover sheets with suitable titles, dates, and other identifications printed on the cover. The submitted as built shall be in editable formats and the ownership of the drawings shall be fully relinquished to the owner.

- c. Where feasible, the individual or entity that obtained record data, whether the individual or entity is the installer, sub-contractor, or similar entity, is required to prepare the mark up on Record Drawings. Accurately record the information in a comprehensive drawing technique. Record the data when possible after it has been obtained. For concealed installations, record and check the mark up before concealment. At the time of substantial completion, submit the Record Construction Documents to the COR. The Contractor shall organize into bound and labeled sets for the COR's continued usage. Provide device, conduit, and cable lengths on the conduit drawings. Exact in-field conduit placement/routings shall be shown. All conduits shall be illustrated in their entire length from termination in security closets; no arrowed conduit runs shall be shown. Pull box and junction box sizes are to be shown if larger than 100mm (4 inch).
- O. FIPS 201 Compliance Certificates
  - Provide Certificates for all software components and device types utilizing credential verification. Provide certificates for:
    - a. Fingerprint Capture Station
    - b. Card Readers
    - c. Facial Image Capturing Camera
    - d. PIV Middelware

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- e. Template Matcher
- f. Electromagnetically Opaque Sleeve
- g. Certificate Management
  - 1) CAK Authentication System
  - 2) PIV Authentication System
  - 3) Certificate Validator
- 4) Cryptographic Module
- P. Approvals will be based on complete submission of manuals together with shop drawings.
- Q. Completed System Readiness Checklists provided by the Commissioning Agent and completed by the contractor, signed by a qualified technician and dated on the date of completion, in accordance with the requirements of Section 28 08 00 COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY SYSTEMS.

## **1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. The publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplement, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / Security Industry Association (SIA):

AC-03 .....Access Control: Access Control Guideline Dye Sublimation

Printing Practices for PVC Access Control Cards

TVAC-01 .....CCTV to Access Control Standard - Message Set for System

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- C. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / International Code Council (ICC): A117.1 Standard on Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities
- D. Department of Justice American Disability Act (ADA)28 CFR Part 36 .....ADA Standards for Accessible Design 2010
- E. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA):

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PACS-R: Physical Access Control System (PACS) Requirements VA Handbook 0730Security and Law Enforcement F. Government Accountability Office (GAO): GAO-03-8-02 Security Responsibilities for Federally Owned and Leased Facilities G. National Electrical Contractors Association 303-2005 .....Installing Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Systems H. National Electrical Manufactures Association (NEMA): 250-08 ..... Enclosures for Electrical Equipment (1000 Volts Maximum) I. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): 70-20.....National Electrical Code J. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL): System Units 305-08 ..... Standard for Panic Hardware 752-05 .....Standard for Bullet-Resisting Equipment 2058-05 ..... High Security Electronic Locks K. Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD): HSPD-12 .....Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors L. Federal Communications Commission (FCC): (47 CFR 15) Part 15Limitations on the Use of Wireless Equipment/Systems M. Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS): FIPS-201-1 .....Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors N. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): IR 6887 V2.1 .....Government Smart Card Interoperability Specification (GSC-IS) Special Pub 800-63 ... Electronic Authentication Guideline Special Pub 800-96 ... PIV Card Reader Interoperability Guidelines Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 13 00 - 31 of 74 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702

HOT SPRINGS VA MEDICAL CENTER HOT SPRINGS, SD 02/23/2022 Special Pub 800-73-3 .Interfaces for Personal Identity Verification (4 Parts) ..... Pt. 1- End Point PIV Card Application Namespace, Data Model & Representation ..... Pt. 2- PIV Card Application Card Command Interface ..... Pt. 3- PIV Client Application Programming Interface ..... Pt. 4- The PIV Transitional Interfaces & Data Model Specification Special Pub 800-76-1 .Biometric Data Specification for Personal Identity Verification Special Pub 800-78-2 .Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Sizes for Personal Identity Verification Special Pub 800-79-1 .Guidelines for the Accreditation of Personal Identity Verification Card Issuers Special Pub 800-85B-1 DRAFTPIV Data Model Test Guidelines Special Pub 800-85A-2 PIV Card Application and Middleware Interface Test Guidelines (SP 800-73-3 compliance) Special Pub 800-96 ... PIV Card Reader Interoperability Guidelines Special Pub 800-37 ... Guide for Applying the Risk Management Framework to Federal Information Systems Special Pub 800-96 ... PIV Card Reader Interoperability Guidelines Special Pub 800-96 ... PIV Card Reader Interoperability Guidelines Special Pub 800-104A .Scheme for PIV Visual Card Topography Special Pub 800-116 .. Recommendation for the Use of PIV Credentials in Physical Access Control Systems (PACS) O. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE): C62.41 ..... IEEE Recommended Practice on Surge Voltages in Low-Voltage AC Power Circuits Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 13 00 - 32 of 74 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

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P. International Organization for Standardization (ISO): 7810 ..... Identification cards - Physical characteristics 7811 ..... Physical Characteristics for Magnetic Stripe Cards 7816-1 ......Identification cards - Integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts -Part 1: Physical characteristics 7816-2 .....Identification cards - Integrated circuit cards - Part 2: Cards with contacts -Dimensions and location of the contacts 7816-3 .....Identification cards - Integrated circuit cards - Part 3: Cards with contacts - Electrical interface and transmission protocols 7816-4 .....Identification cards - Integrated circuit cards - Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods 7816-10 ..... Identification cards - Integrated circuit cards - Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange 14443 Identification cards - Contactless integrated circuit cards; Contactless Proximity Cards Operating at 13.56 MHz in up to 5 inches distance 15693 ..... Identification cards -- Contactless integrated circuit cards -Vicinity cards; Contactless Vicinity Cards Operating at 13.56 MHz in up to 50 inches distance 19794 ..... Information technology - Biometric data interchange formats Q. Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) 1984 R. ADA Standards for Accessible Design 2010 S. Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 1.6 DEFINITIONS

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- A. ABA Track: Magnetic stripe that is encoded on track 2, at 75-bpi density in binary-coded decimal format; for example, 5-bit, 16-character set.
- B. Access Control List: A list of (identifier, permissions) pairs associated with a resource or an asset. As an expression of security policy, a person may perform an operation on a resource or asset if and only if the person's identifier is present in the access control list (explicitly or implicitly), and the permissions in the (identifier, permissions) pair include the permission to perform the requested operation.
- C. Access Control: A function or a system that restricts access to authorized persons only.
- D. API Application Programming Interface
- E. Assurance Level (or E-Authentication Assurance Level): A measure of trust or confidence in an authentication mechanism defined in OMB Memorandum M-04-04 and NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-63, in terms of four levels: [M-04-04]
  - 1. Level 1: LITTLE OR NO confidence
  - 2. Level 2: SOME confidence
  - 3. Level 3: HIGH confidence
  - 4. Level 4: VERY HIGH confidence
- F. Authentication: A process that establishes the origin of information, or determines an entity's identity. In this publication, authentication often means the performance of a PIV authentication mechanism.
- G. Authenticator: A memory, possession, or quality of a person that can serve as proof of identity, when presented to a verifier of the appropriate kind. For example, passwords, cryptographic keys, and fingerprints are authenticators.
- H. Authorization: A process that associates permission to access a resource or asset with a person and the person's identifier(s).

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- I. BIO or BIO-A: A FIPS 201 authentication mechanism that is implemented by using a Fingerprint data object sent from the PIV Card to the PACS. Note that the short-hand "BIO (-A)" is used throughout the document to represent both BIO and BIO-A authentication mechanisms.
- $J\!.$  Biometric: An authenticator produced from measurable qualities of a living person.
- K. CAC EP CAC End Point with end point PIV applet
- L. CAC NG CAC Next Generation with transitional PIV applet
- M. Card Authentication Key (CAK): A PIV authentication mechanism (or the PIV Card key of the same name) that is implemented by an asymmetric or symmetric key challenge/response protocol. The CAK is an optional mechanism defined in NIST SP 800-73. [SP800-73] NIST strongly recommends that every PIV Card contain an asymmetric CAK and corresponding certificate, and that agencies use the asymmetric CAK protocol, rather than a symmetric CAK protocol, whenever the CAK authentication mechanism is used with PACS.
- N. CCTV: Closed-circuit television.
- O. Central Station: A PC with software designated as the main controlling PC of the PACS. Where this term is presented with initial capital letters, this definition applies.
- P. Controller: An intelligent peripheral control unit that uses a computer for controlling its operation. Where this term is presented with an initial capital letter, this definition applies.
- Q. CPU: Central processing unit.
- $R\!\!$  . Credential: Data assigned to an entity and used to identify that entity.
- $S\!\!$  . File Server: A PC in a network that stores the programs and data files shared by users.
- T. FIPS Federal Information Processing Standards
- U. FRAC First Responder Authentication Credential
- V. HSPD Homeland Security Presidential Directive

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- W. I/O: Input/Output.
- X. Identifier: A credential card, keypad personal identification number or code, biometric characteristic, or other unique identification entered as data into the entry-control database for the purpose of identifying an individual. Where this term is presented with an initial capital letter, this definition applies.
- Y. IEC International Electrotechnical Commission
- Z. ISO International Organization
- for Standardization AA. KB Kilobyte
- BB. kbit/s Kilobits /
- second CC. LAN: Local
- area network.
- DD. LED: Light-emitting diode.

EE. Legacy CAC - Contact only Common Access Card with v1 and v2 applets  $% \left( {{\mathcal{L}}_{{\mathcal{A}}}^{2}} \right)$ 

FF. Location: A Location on the network having a PC-to-Controller communications link, with additional Controllers at the Location connected to the PC-to-Controller link with RS-485 communications loop. Where this term is presented with an initial capital letter, this definition applies.

GG. NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology HH. PACS: Physical Access Control System

- I. PC/SC: Personal Computer / Smart Card
- JJ. PC: Personal computer. This acronym applies to the Central Station, workstations, and file servers.
- KK. PCI Bus: Peripheral component interconnect; a peripheral bus providing a high-speed data path between the CPU and peripheral devices (such as monitor, disk drive, or network).
- LL. PDF: (Portable Document Format.) The file format used by the Acrobat document exchange system software from Adobe.
- MM.PIV: Personal

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NN. PIV-I - PIV Interoperable credential OO. PPS: Protocol and Parameters Selection PP. RF: Radio frequency. QQ. ROM: Read-only memory. ROM data are maintained through losses of power. RR. RS-232: An TIA/EIA standard for asynchronous serial data communications between terminal devices. This standard defines a 25-pin connector and certain signal characteristics for interfacing computer equipment. SS. RS-485: An TIA/EIA standard for multipoint communications. TT. TCP/IP: Transport control protocol/Internet protocol incorporated into Microsoft Windows. UU. TPDU: Transport Protocol Data Unit VV. TWIC - Transportation Worker Identification Credential WW. UPS: Uninterruptible power supply. XX. Vcc: Voltage at the Common Collector YY. WAN: Wide area network. ZZ. WAV: The digital audio format used in Microsoft Windows. AAA.Wiegand: Patented magnetic principle that uses specially treated wires embedded in the credential card. BBB. Windows: Operating system by Microsoft Corporation. CCC. Workstation: A PC with software that is configured for specific limited security system functions. 1.7 COORDINATION A. Coordinate arrangement, mounting, and support of electronic safety and security equipment:

- To allow maximum possible headroom unless specific mounting heights that reduce headroom are indicated.
- 2. To provide for ease of disconnecting the equipment with minimum interference to other installations.
- To allow right of way for piping and conduit installed at required slope.

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- So connecting raceways, cables, wireways, cable trays, and busways will be clear of obstructions and of the working and access space of other equipment.
- B. Coordinate installation of required supporting devices and set sleeves in cast-in-place concrete, masonry walls, and other structural components as they are constructed.
- C. Coordinate location of access panels and doors for electronic safety and security items that are behind finished surfaces or otherwise concealed.

### **1.8 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. PACS shall provide support for multiple authentication modes and bidirectional communication with the reader. PACS shall provide implementation capability for enterprise security policy and incident response.
- B. All processing of authentication information must occur on the "safe side" of a door
- C. Physical Access Control System shall provide access to following Security Areas:
  - 1. Controlled
  - 2. Limited
  - 3. Exclusion
- D. PACS shall provide:
  - 1. One authentication factor for access to Controlled security areas
  - 2. Two authentication factors for access to Limited security areas
  - 3. Three authentication factors for access to Exclusion security areas
- E. PACS shall provide Credential Validation and Path Validation per NIST 800-116.
- F. The PACS System shall have an Enterprise Path Validation Module (PVM) component that processes X.509 certification paths composed of X.509 v3 certificates and X.509 v2 CRLs. The PVM component MUST support the following features:
  - 1. Name chaining;

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- 2. Signature chaining;
- 3. Certificate validity;
- Key usage, basic constraints, and certificate policies certificate extensions;
- 5. Full CRLs; and
- 6. CRLs segmented on names.
- G. Distributed Processing: System shall be a fully distributed processing system so that information, including time, date, valid codes, access levels, and similar data, is downloaded to Controllers so that each Controller makes access-control decisions for that Location. Do not use intermediate Controllers for physical access control. If communications to Central Station are lost, all Controllers shall automatically buffer event transactions until communications are restored, at which time buffered events shall be uploaded to the Central Station.
- I. Data Capacity:
  - 1. 130different card-reader formats.
  - 2. 999 comments.
  - 3. 16 graphic file types for importing maps.
- J. Location Capacity:
  - 1. 128reader-controlled doors.
  - 2. 50,000 total access credentials.
  - 3. 2048 supervised alarm inputs.
  - 4. 2048programmable outputs.
  - 5. 32,000custom action messages per Location to instruct operator on action required when alarm is received.
- K. System Network Requirements:
  - Interconnect system components and provide automatic communication of status changes, commands, field-initiated interrupts, and other communications required for proper system operation.
  - 2. Communication shall not require operator initiation or response, and shall return to normal after partial or total

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- 3. System shall automatically annunciate communication failures to the operator and identify the communication link that has experienced a partial or total failure.
- 4. Communications Controller may be used as an interface between the Central Station display systems and the field device network. Communications Controller shall provide functions required to attain the specified network communications performance.
- L. Central Station shall provide operator interface, interaction, display, control, and dynamic and real-time monitoring. Central Station shall control system networks to interconnect all system components, including workstations and fieldinstalled Controllers.
- M. Field equipment shall include Controllers, sensors, and controls. Controllers shall serve as an interface between the Central Station and sensors and controls. Data exchange between the Central Station and the Controllers shall include down-line transmission of commands, software, and databases to Controllers. The up-line data exchange from the Controller to the Central Station shall include status data such as intrusion alarms, status reports, and entry-control records. Controllers are classified as alarm-annunciation or entry-control type.
- N. System Response to Alarms: Field device network shall provide a system end-to-end response time of 1 second(s) or less for every device connected to the system. Alarms shall be annunciated at the Central Station within 1 second of the alarm occurring at a Controller or device controlled by a local Controller, and within 100 ms if the alarm occurs at the Central Station. Alarm and status changes shall be displayed within 100 ms after receipt of data by the Central Station. All graphics shall be displayed, including graphics-generated map displays, on the console monitor within 5 seconds of alarm receipt at the security console. This

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- O. False Alarm Reduction: The design of Central Station and Controllers shall contain features to reduce false alarms. Equipment and software shall comply with SIA CP-01.
- P. Error Detection: A cyclic code error detection method shall be used between Controllers and the Central Station, which shall detect single- and double-bit errors, burst errors of eight bits or less, and at least 99 percent of all other multibit and burst error conditions. Interactive or product error detection codes alone will not be acceptable. A message shall be in error if one bit is received incorrectly. System shall retransmit messages with detected errors. A two-digit decimal number shall be operator assignable to each communication link representing the number of retransmission attempts. When the number of consecutive retransmission attempts equals the assigned quantity, the Central Station shall print a communication failure alarm message. System shall monitor the frequency of data transmission failure for display and logging.
- Q. Data Line Supervision: System shall initiate an alarm in response to opening, closing, shorting, or grounding of data transmission lines.
- R. Door Hardware Interface: Coordinate with Division 08 Sections that specify door hardware required to be monitored or controlled by the PACS. The Controllers in this Section shall have electrical characteristics that match the signal and power requirements of door hardware. Integrate door hardware specified in Division 08 Sections to function with the controls and PC- based software and hardware in this Section.
- S. References to industry and trade association standards and codes are minimum installation requirement standards.
- T. Drawings and other specification sections shall govern in those instances where requirements are greater than those specified in the above standards.

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### 1.9 EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- A. Materials and equipment furnished shall be of current production by manufacturers regularly engaged in the manufacture of such items, for which replacement parts shall be available.
- B. When more than one unit of the same class of equipment is required, such units shall be the product of a single manufacturer.
- C. Equipment Assemblies and Components:
  - 1. Components of an assembled unit need not be products of the same manufacturer.
  - Manufacturers of equipment assemblies, which include components made by others, shall assume complete responsibility for the final assembled unit.
  - 3. Components shall be compatible with each other and with the total assembly for the intended service.
  - Constituent parts which are similar shall be the product of a single manufacturer.
- D. Factory wiring shall be identified on the equipment being furnished and on all wiring diagrams.
- E. When Factory Testing Is Specified:
  - The Government shall have the option of witnessing factory tests. The contractor shall notify the VA through the COR a minimum of 15 working days prior to the manufacturers making the factory tests.
  - Four copies of certified test reports containing all test data shall be furnished to the COR prior to final inspection and not more than 90 days after completion of the tests.
  - When equipment fails to meet factory test and re-inspection is required, the contractor shall be liable for all additional expenses, including expenses of the Government.

#### 1.10 WARRANTY OF CONSTRUCTION.

A. Warrant PACS work subject to the Article "Warranty of Construction" of FAR clause 52.246-21.

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B. Demonstration and training shall be performed prior to system acceptance.

#### 1.11 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. General requirements applicable to this section include:

- 1. General Arrangement Of Contract Documents,
- 2. Delivery, Handling and Storage,
- 3. Project Conditions,
- 4. Electrical Power,
- 5. Lightning, Power Surge Suppression, and Grounding,
- 6. Electronic Components,
- 7. Substitute Materials and Equipment, and
- 8. Like Items.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 GENERAL

- A. All equipment and materials for the system will be compatible to ensure correct operation as outlined in FIPS 201, March 2006 and HSPD-12.
- B. The security system characteristics listed in this section will serve as a guide in selection of equipment and materials for the PACS. If updated or more suitable versions are available then the Contracting Officer will approve the acceptance of prior to an installation.
- C. PACS equipment shall meet or exceed all requirements listed below.
- $D\!\!$  A PACS shall be comprised of, but not limited to, the following components:
  - 1. Physical Access Control System
  - 2. Application Software
  - 3. System Database
  - 4. Surge and Tamper Protection
  - 5. Standard Workstation Hardware
  - 6. Communications Workstation
  - 7. Controllers (Data Gathering Panel)
  - 8. Secondary Alarm Annunciator

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- 9. Keypads
- 10. Card Readers
- 11. Credential Cards
- 12. Enrolment Center (To be provided in accordance with the VA PIV enrollment and issuance system.)
- 13. System Sensors and Related Equipment
- 14. Push Button Switches
- 15. Interfaces
- 16. Door and Gate Hardware interface
- 17. RS-232 ASCII Interface
- 18. Floor Select Elevator Control
- 19. After-Hours HVAC Control
- $20.\ \mbox{Real}$  Time Guard Tour
- 21. Video and Camera Control
- 22. Cables
- 23. Transformers

### 2.2 SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SMS)

A. Existing.

#### 2.3 APPLICATION SOFTWARE

A. Existing.

## 2.4 SURGE AND TAMPER PROTECTION

- A. Surge Protection: Protect components from voltage surges originating external to equipment housing and entering through power, communication, signal, control, or sensing leads. Include surge protection for external wiring of each conductorentry connection to components.
  - Minimum Protection for Power Connections 120 V and More: Auxiliary panel suppressors complying with requirements in Division 26 Section "Transient-Voltage Suppression for Low-Voltage Electrical Power Circuits."
  - 2. Minimum Protection for Communication, Signal, Control, and

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B. Tamper Protection: Tamper switches on enclosures, control units, pull boxes, junction boxes, cabinets, and other system components shall initiate a tamper-alarm signal when unit is opened or partially disassembled. Control-station control-unit alarm display shall identify tamper alarms and indicate locations.

# 2.5 CONTROLLERS

- A. Controllers: Intelligent peripheral control unit, complying with UL 294, that stores time, date, valid codes, access levels, and similar data downloaded from the Central Station or workstation for controlling its operation.
- B. Subject to compliance with requirements in this Article, manufacturers may use multipurpose Controllers.
- C. Battery Backup: Sealed, lead acid; sized to provide run time during a power outage of 90 minutes, complying with UL 924.
- D. Alarm Annunciation Controller:
  - The Controller shall automatically restore communication within 10 seconds after an interruption with the field device network[ with dc line supervision on each of its alarm inputs].
    - a. Inputs: Monitor dry contacts for changes of state that reflect alarm conditions. Provides at least eight alarm inputs, which are suitable for wiring as normally open or normally closed contacts for alarm conditions.
    - b. Alarm-Line Supervision:
- Supervise the alarm lines by monitoring each circuit for changes or disturbances in the signal, and for conditions as described in UL 1076 for line security equipment[by monitoring for abnormal open, grounded, or
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shorted conditions] using dc change measurements. System shall initiate an alarm in response to an abnormal current, which is a dc change of 10percent or more for longer than 500 ms.

- 2) Transmit alarm-line-supervision alarm to the Central Station during the next interrogation cycle after the abnormal current condition.
- c. Outputs: Managed by Central Station software.
- 2. Auxiliary Equipment Power: A GFI service outlet inside the Controller enclosure.
- E. Entry-Control Controller:
  - Function: Provide local entry-control functions including oneand two-way communications with access-control devices such as card readers, keypads, biometric personal identity verification devices, door strikes, magnetic latches, gate and door operators, and exit push- buttons.
    - a. Operate as a stand-alone portal Controller using the downloaded database during periods of communication loss between the Controller and the field-device network.
    - b. Accept information generated by the entry-control devices; automatically process this information to determine valid identification of the individual present at the portal:
      - On authentication of the credentials or information presented, check privileges of the identified individual, allowing only those actions granted as privileges.
      - Privileges shall include, but not be limited to, time of day control, day of week control, group control, and visitor escort control.
    - c. Maintain a date-, time-, and Location-stamped record of each transaction. A transaction is defined as any successful or unsuccessful attempt to gain access through

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- 2. Inputs:
  - Data from entry-control devices; use this input to change modes between access and secure.
  - b. Database downloads and updates from the Central Station that include enrollment and privilege information.
- 3. Outputs:
  - a. Indicate success or failure of attempts to use entrycontrol devices and make comparisons of presented information with stored identification information.
  - b. Grant or deny entry by sending control signals to portal-control devices[ and mask intrusion alarm annunciation from sensors stimulated by authorized entries].
  - c. Maintain a date-, time-, and Location-stamped record of each transaction and transmit transaction records to the Central Station.
  - d. Door Prop Alarm: If a portal is held open for longer than time listed in a schedule, alarm sounds.
- With power supplies sufficient to power at voltage and frequency required for field devices and portal-control devices.
- 5. Data Line Problems: For periods of loss of communications with Central Station, or when data transmission is degraded and generating continuous checksum errors, the Controller shall continue to control entry by accepting identifying information, making authentication decisions, checking privileges, and controlling portal-control devices.
  - a. Store up to 1000 transactions during periods of communication loss between the Controller and accesscontrol devices for subsequent upload to the Central Station on restoration of communication.

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- Controller Power: NFPA 70, Class II power supply transformer, with 12- or 24-V ac secondary, backup battery and charger.
  - a. Backup Battery: Premium, valve-regulated, recombinantsealed, lead-calcium battery; spill proof; with a full 1year warranty and a pro rata 19-year warranty. With single- stage, constant-voltage-current, limited battery charger, comply with battery manufacturer's written instructions for battery terminal voltage and charging current recommendations for maximum battery life.
  - b. Backup Battery: Valve-regulated, recombinant-sealed, leadacid battery; spill proof. With single-stage, constantvoltage-current, limited battery charger, comply with battery manufacturer's written instructions for battery terminal voltage and charging current recommendations for maximum battery life.
  - c. Backup Power Supply Capacity: [5] [90] minutes of battery supply. Submit battery and charger calculations.
  - d. Power Monitoring: Provide manual dynamic battery load test, initiated and monitored at the control center; with automatic disconnection of the Controller when battery voltage drops below Controller limits. Report by using local Controller-mounted LEDs and by communicating status to Central Station. Indicate normal power on and battery charger on trickle charge. Indicate and report the following:
    - 1) Trouble Alarm: Normal power off load assumed by battery.
    - 2) Trouble Alarm: Low battery.
    - 3) Alarm: Power off.

# 2.6 PIV MIDDLEWARE

A. Existing.

# 2.7 CARD READERS

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- A. Power: Card reader shall be powered from its associated Controller, including its standby power source.
- B. Response Time: Card reader shall respond to passage requests by generating a signal that is sent to the Controller. Response time shall be 800ms or less, from the time the card reader finishes reading the credential card until a response signal is generated.
- C. Enclosure: Suitable for surface, semiflush, or pedestal mounting. Mounting types shall additionally be suitable for installation in the following locations:
  - 1. Indoors, controlled environment.
  - 2. Indoors, uncontrolled environment.
  - Outdoors, with built-in heaters or other cold-weather equipment to extend the operating temperature range as needed for operation at the site.
- D. Display: LED or other type of visual indicator display shall provide visual and audible status indications and user prompts. Indicate power on/off, whether user passage requests have been accepted or rejected, and whether the door is locked or unlocked.
- E. Shall be utilized for controlling the locking hardware on a door and allows for reporting back to the main control panel with the time/date the door was accessed, the name of the person accessing the point of entry, and its location.
- $F.\ \mbox{Will}$  be fully programmable and addressable, locally and remotely, and hardwired to the system.
- G. Shall be individually home run to the main panel.
- H. Shall be installed in a manner that they comply with:
  - 1. The Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS)
  - 2. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
  - 3. The ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- I. Shall support a variety of card readers that must encompass a wide functional range. The PACS may combine any of the card

28 13 00 - 49 of 74 PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM readers described below for installations requiring multiple types of card reader capability (i.e., card only, card and/or PIN, card and/or biometrics, card and/or pin and/or biometrics, supervised inputs, etc.). These card readers shall be available in the approved technology to meet FIPS 201, and is ISO 14443 A or B, ISO/IEC 7816 compliant. The reader output can be Wiegand, RS-22, 485 or TCP/IP.

- J. Shall be housed in an aluminum bezel with a wide lead-in for easy card entry.
- K. Shall contain read head electronics, and a sender to encode digital door control signals.
- L. LED's shall be utilized to indicate card reader status and access status.
- M. Shall be able to support a user defined downloadable off-line mode of operation (e.g. locked, unlocked), which will go in effect during loss of communication with the main control panel.
- N. Shall provide audible feedback to indicate access granted/denied decisions. Upon a card swipe, two audible tones or beeps shall indicate access granted and three tones or beeps shall indicate access denied. All keypad buttons shall provide tactile audible feedback.
- O. Shall have a minimum of two programmable inputs and two programmable outputs.
- P. All card readers that utilize keypad controls along with a reader and shall meet the following specifications:
  - Entry control keypads shall use a unique combination of alphanumeric and other symbols as an identifier. Keypads shall contain an integral alphanumeric/special symbols keyboard with symbols arranged in ascending ASCII code ordinal sequence. Communications protocol shall be compatible with the local processor.
- Q. Shall include a Light Emitting Diode (LED) or other type of visual indicator display and provide visual or visual and

Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 28 13 00 - 50 of 74 PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM audible status indications and user prompts. The display shall indicate power on/off, and whether user passage requests have been accepted or rejected. The design of the keypad display or keypad enclosure shall limit the maximum horizontal and vertical viewing angles of the keypad. The maximum horizontal viewing angle shall be plus and minus five (5) degrees or less off a vertical plane perpendicular to the plane of the face of the keypad display. The maximum vertical viewing angle shall be plus and minus 15 degrees or less off a horizontal plane perpendicular to the plane of the keypad display.

- Shall respond to passage requests by generating a signal to the local processor. The response time shall be 800 milliseconds or less from the time the last alphanumeric symbol is entered until a response signal is generated.
- 2. Shall be powered from the source as designed and shall not dissipate more than 150 Watts.
- 3. Shall be suitable for surface, semi-flush, pedestal, or weatherproof mounting as required.
- 4. Shall provide a means for users to indicate a duress situation by entering a special code.
- R. PIV Contact Card Reader
  - Application Protocol Data Unit (APDU) Support: At a minimum, the contact interface shall support all card commands for contact based access specified in Section 7, End-point PIV Card Application Card Command Interface of SP 800-73-1, Interfaces for Personal Identity Verification.
  - Buffer Size: The reader must contain a buffer large enough to receive the maximum size frame permitted by International Organization for Standardization International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 7816-3:1997, Section 9.4.
  - Programming Voltage: PIV Readers shall not generate a Programming Voltage.
  - 4. Support for Operating Class: PIV Readers shall support cards

with Class A Vccs as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-3:1997 and Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 13 00 - 51 of 74 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702
ISO/IEC 7816-3:1997/Amd 1:2002.

- Retrieval Time: Retrieval time<sup>1</sup> for 12.5 kilobytes (KB) of data through the contact interface of the reader shall not exceed 2.0 seconds.
- Transmission Protocol: The PIV Reader shall support both the character-based T=0 protocol and block-based T=1 protocol as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-3:1997.
- 7. Support for PPS Procedure: The reader shall support Protocol and Parameters Selection (PPS) procedure by having the ability to read character TA1 of the Answer to Reset (ATR) sent by the card as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-3:1997.
- S. Contactless Smart Cards and Readers
  - Smart card readers shall read credential cards whose characteristics of size and technology meet those defined by ISO/IEC 7816, 14443, 15693.
  - 2. The readers shall have "flash" download capability to accommodate card format changes.
  - 3. The card reader shall have the capability of reading the card data and transmitting the data to the main monitoring panel.
  - 4. The card reader shall be contactless and meet or exceed the following technical characteristics:
    - a. Data Output Formats: FIPS 201 low outputs the FASC-N in an assortment of Wiegand bit formats from 40 200 bits. FIPS 201 medium outputs a combination FASC-N and HMAC in an assortment of Wiegand bit formats from 32 232 bits. All Wiegand formats or the upgradeability from Low to Medium Levels can be field configured with the use of a command card.
    - b. FIPS 201 readers shall be able to read, but not be limited to, DESfire and iCLASS cards.
    - c. Reader range shall comply with ISO standards 7816, 14443, and 15693, and also take into consideration conditions, are at a minimum 1" to 2" (2.5 - 5 cm).

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- d. APDU Support: At a minimum, the contactless interface shall support all card commands for contactless based access specified in Section 7, End-point PIV Card Application Card Command Interface of SP 800-73-1, Interfaces for Personal Identity Verification.
- e. Buffer Size: The reader shall contain a buffer large enough to receive the maximum size frame permitted by ISO/IEC 7816-3, Section 9.4.
- f. ISO 14443 Support: The PIV Reader shall support parts (1 through 4) of ISO/IEC 14443 as amended in the References of this publication.
- g. Type A and B Communication Signal Interfaces: The contactless interface of the reader shall support both the Type A and Type B communication signal interfaces as defined in ISO/IEC 14443-2:2001.
- h. Type A and B Initialization and Anti-Collision The contactless interface of the reader shall support both Type A and Type B initialization and anti-collision methods as defined in ISO/IEC 14443-3:2001.
- Type A and B Transmission Protocols: The contactless interface of the reader shall support both Type A and Type B transmission protocols as defined in ISO/IEC 14443- 4:2001.
- j. Retrieval Time: Retrieval time for 4 KB of data through the contactless interface of the reader shall not exceed 2.0 seconds.
- k. Transmission Speeds: The contactless interface of the reader shall support bit rates of fc/128 (~106 kbits/s), fc/64(~212 kbits/s), and configurable to allow activation/deactivation.
- Readibility Range: The reader shall not be able to read PIV card more than 10cm(4inch) from the reader

# 2.11 KEYPADS

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- A. Designed for use with unique combinations of alphanumeric and other symbols as an Identifier. Keys of keypads shall contain an integral alphanumeric/special symbol keyboard with symbols arranged in ascending ASCII-code ordinal sequence. Communications protocol shall be compatible with Controller.
  - 1. Keypad display or enclosure shall limit viewing angles of the keypad as follows:
    - a. Maximum Horizontal Viewing Angle: 5 degrees or less off in either direction of a vertical plane perpendicular to the plane of the face of the keypad display.
    - b. Maximum Vertical Viewing Angle: 15 degrees or less off in either direction of a horizontal plane perpendicular to the plane of the face of the keypad display.
  - Duress Codes: Provide duress situation indication by entering a special code.

## 2.12 CREDENTIAL CARDS

A. Existing.

## 2.13 SYSTEM SENSORS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

- A. The PACS (Physical Access Control System) and related Equipment provided by the Contractor shall meet or exceed the following performer specifications:
- B. Request to Exit Detectors:
  - Passive Infrared Request to Exit Motion Detector (REX PIR) (1) The Contractor shall provide a surface mounted motion detector to signal the physical access control system request to exit input. The motion detector shall be a passive infrared sensor designed for wall or ceiling mounting 2134 to 4572 mm (7 to 15 ft) height. The detector shall provide two (2) form "C" (SPDT) relays rated one (1) Amp. @ 30 VDC for DC resistive loads. The detectors relays shall be user adjustable with a latch time from 1-60 seconds. The detector shall also include a selectable relay reset mode to follow the timer or absence of

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## C. Crash Bar:

- 1. Emergency Exit with Alarm (Panic):
  - a. Entry control portals shall include panic bar emergency exit hardware as designed.
  - b. Panic bar emergency exit hardware shall provide an alarm shunt signal to the PACS and SMS.
  - c. The panic bar shall include a conspicuous warning sign with one (1) inch (2.5 cm) high, red lettering notifying personnel that an alarm will be annunciated if the panic bar is operated.
  - d. Operation of the panic bar hardware shall generate an intrusion alarm that reports to both the SMS and Intrusion Detection System. The use of a micro switch installed within the panic bar shall be utilized for this.
  - e. The panic bar shall utilize a fully mechanical connection only and shall not depend upon electric power for operation.
  - f. The panic bar shall be compatible with mortise or rim mount door hardware and shall operate by retracting the bolt manually by either pressing the panic bar or with a key by- pass. Refer to Section 2.2.I.9 for key-bypass specifications.

Electronic Health Records Modernization (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 28 13 00 - 55 of 74 PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM g. Normal Exit:

- Entry control portals shall include panic bar nonemergency exit hardware as designed.
- 2) Panic bar non-emergency exit hardware shall be monitored by and report to the SMS.
- Operation of the panic bar hardware shall not generate a locally audible or an intrusion alarm within the IDS.
- 4) When exiting, the panic bar shall depend upon a mechanical connection only. The exterior, non-secure side of the door shall be provided with an electrified thumb latch or lever to provide access after the credential I.D. authentication by the SMS.
- 5) The panic bar shall be compatible with mortise or rim mount door hardware and shall operate by retracting the bolt manually by either pressing the panic bar or with a key by-pass. Refer to Section 2.2.I.9 for key-bypass specifications. The strikes/bolts shall include a micro switch to indicate to the system when the bolt is not engaged or the strike mechanism is unlocked. The signal switches shall report a forced entry to the system in the event the door is left open or accessed without the identification credentials.

## D. Key Bypass:

- 1. Shall be utilized for all doors that have a mortise or rim mounted door hardware.
- 2. Each door shall be individually keyed with one master key per secured area.
- 3. Cylinders shall be six (6)-pin and made of brass or equivalent. Keys for the cylinders shall be constructed of solid material and produced and cut by the same distributor. Keys shall not be purchased, cut, and supplied by multiple dealers.

4. All keys shall have a serial number cut into the key. No two Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 13 00 - 56 of 74 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 serial numbers shall be the same.

- 5. All keys and cylinders shall be stored in a secure area that is monitored by the Intrusion Detection System.
- E. Door Status Indicators:
  - 1. Shall monitor and report door status to the SMS.
  - 2. Door Position Sensor:
    - a. Shall provide an open or closed indication for all doors operated on the PACS and report directly to the SMS.
    - b. Shall also provide alarm input to the Intrusion Detection System for all doors operated by the PACS and all other doors that require monitoring by the intrusion detection system.
    - c. Switches for doors operated by the PACS shall be double pole double throw (DPDT). One side of the switch shall monitor door position and the other side of the switch shall report to the intrusion detection system. For doors with electromagnetic locks a magnetic bonding sensor (MBS) can be used in place of one side of a DPDT switch, in turn allowing for the use of a single pole double throw (SPDT) switch in it place of a DPDT switch.
    - d. Switches for doors not operated by the PACS shall be SPDT and report directly to the IDS.
    - e. Shall be surface or flush mounted and wide gap with the ability to operate at a maximum distance of up to 2" (5 cm).

# 2.14 PUSH BUTTON SWITCHES

- A. Push-Button Switches: Momentary-contact back-lighted push buttons, with stainless-steel switch enclosures.
  - 1. Electrical Ratings:
    - a. Minimum continuous current rating of 10]A at 120 V ac or 5 A at 240-V ac.
    - b. Contacts that will make 720 VA at 60] A and that will break at 720 VA at 10 A.

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- 2. Enclosures: Flush or surface mounting. Push buttons shall be suitable for flush mounting in the switch enclosures.
- 3. Enclosures shall additionally be suitable for installation in the following locations:
  - a. Indoors, controlled environment.
  - b. Indoors, uncontrolled environment.
  - c. Outdoors.
- 4. Power: Push-button switches shall be powered from their associated Controller, using dc control.

## 2.15 PORTAL CONTROL DEVICES

- A. Shall be used to assist the PACS.
- B. Such devices shall:
  - 1. Provide a means of monitoring the doors status.
  - 2. Allow for exiting a space via either a push button, request to exit, or panic/crash bar.
  - 3. Provide a means of override to the PACS via a keypad or key bypass.
  - Assist door operations utilizing automatic openers and closures.
  - 5. Provide a secondary means of access to a space via a keypad.
- C. Shall be connected to and monitored by the main PACS panel.
- D. Shall be installed in a manner that they comply with:
  - 1. The Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS)
  - 2. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
  - 3. The ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- E. Shall provide a secondary means of physical access control within a secure area.
- F. Push-Button Switches:
  - Shall be momentary contact, back lighted push buttons, and stainless steel switch enclosures for each push button as shown. Buttons are to be utilized for secondary means of releasing a locking mechanism.

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- a. In an area where a push button is being utilized for remote access of the locking device then no more than two
  (2) buttons shall operate one door from within one secure space. Buttons will not be wired in series with one other.
- b. In an area where locally stationed guards control entry to multiple secure points via remote switches. An interface board shall be designed and constructed for only the amount of buttons it shall house. These buttons shall be flush mounted and clearly labeled for ease of use. All buttons shall be connected to the PACS and SMS system for monitoring purposes.
- c. Shall have double-break silver contacts that will make 720 VA at 60 amperes and break 720 VA at 10 amperes.
- G. Entry Control Devices:
  - Shall be hardwired to the PACS main control panel and operated by either a card reader or a biometric device via a relay on the main control panel.
  - 2. Shall be fail-safe in the event of power failure to the PACS system.
  - 3. Shall operate at 24 VCD, with the exception of turnstiles and be powered by a separate power supply dedicated to the door control system. Each power supply shall be rated to operate a minimum of two doors simultaneously without error to the system or overload the power supply unit.
  - Shall have a diode or metal-oxide veristor (MOV) to protect the controller and power supply from reverse current surges or back-check.
  - 5. Electric Strikes/Bolts: Shall be:
    - a. Made of heavy-duty construction and tamper resistant design.
    - b. Tested to over one million cycles.
    - c. Rated for a minimum of 1000 lbs. holding strength.
    - d. Utilize an actuating solenoid for the strike/bolt. The solenoid shall move from fully open to fully closed

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- e. Utilize a signal switch that will indicate to the system if the strike/bolt is not engaged or is unlocked when it should be secured.
- f. Flush mounted within the door frame.
- 6. Electric Mortise Locks: Shall be installed within the door and an electric transfer hinge shall be utilized to allow the wires to be transferred from the door frame to the lock. If utilized with a double door then the lock shall be installed inside the active leaf. Electric Mortise Locks shall:
  - a. These locks shall be provided and installed by the Division 8 "DOOR HARDWARE" Contractor.
  - $b.\ \mbox{Provide integration of the Electric Mortise Locks with the PACS for:$ 
    - 1) Lock Power
    - 2) Request to Exit switch.
- 7. Electromagnetic Locks:
  - a. These locks shall be without mechanical linkage utilizing no moving parts, and securing the door to its frame solely on electromagnetic force.
  - b. Shall be comprised of two pieces, the mag-lock and the door plate. The electromagnetic locks shall be surface mounted to the door frame and the door plate shall be surface mounted to the door.
  - c. Ensure a diode is installed in line with the DC voltage supplying power to the unit in order to prevent backcheck on the system when the electromagnetic lock is powered.
  - d. Shall utilize a magnetic bonding sensor (MBS) to monitor the door status and report that status to the SMS.

e. Electromagnetic locks shall meet the following minimum
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technical characteristics:

Operating Voltage		24 VDC
Current Draw		.5A
Holding Force	Swing Doors	675 kg (1500 lbs)
	Sliding Doors	225 kg (500 lbs)

# 2.16 WIRES AND CABLES

- A. Refer to section 280513 "CONDUCTORS AND CABLES FOR ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY".
  - B. PVC-Jacketed, RS-232 Cable: Paired, 2 pairs, No. 22 AWG, stranded (7x30) tinned copper conductors, polypropylene insulation, and individual aluminum foil-polyester tape shielded pairs with 100 percent shield coverage; PVC jacket. Pairs are cabled on common axis with No. 24 AWG, stranded (7x32) tinned copper drain wire.
    - 1. NFPA 70, Type CM.
    - 2. Flame Resistance: UL 1581 Vertical Tray.
  - C. Plenum-Type, RS-232 Cable: Paired, 2 pairs, No. 22 AWG, stranded (7x30) tinned copper conductors, plastic insulation, and individual aluminum foil-polyester tape shielded pairs with 100 percent shield coverage; plastic jacket. Pairs are cabled on common axis with No. 24 AWG, stranded (7x32) tinned copper drain wire.
    - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMP.
    - 2. Flame Resistance: NFPA 262 Flame Test.
  - D. RS-485 communications require 2 twisted pairs, with a distance limitation of 4000 feet (1220 m).
  - E. PVC-Jacketed, RS-485 Cable: Paired, 2 pairs, twisted, No. 22 AWG, stranded (7x30) tinned copper conductors, PVC insulation, unshielded, PVC jacket, and NFPA 70, Type CMG.
  - F. Plenum-Type, RS-485 Cable: Paired, 2 pairs, No. 22 AWG, stranded (7x30) tinned copper conductors, fluorinated-

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- 1. NFPA 70, Type CMP.
- 2. Flame Resistance: NFPA 262 Flame Test.
- G. Multiconductor, Readers and Wiegand Keypads Cables: No. 22 AWG, paired and twisted multiple conductors, stranded (7x30) tinned copper conductors, semirigid PVC insulation, overall aluminum foil-polyester tape shield with 100 percent shield coverage, plus tinned copper braid shield with 65 percent shield coverage, and PVC jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMG.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: UL 1581 Vertical Tray.
  - 3. For TIA/EIA-RS-232 applications.
- H. Paired Readers and Wiegand Keypads Cable: Paired, 3 pairs, twisted, No. 20 AWG, stranded (7x28) tinned copper conductors, polyethylene (polyolefin) insulation, individual aluminum foilpolyester tape shielded pairs each with No. 22 AWG, stranded (19x34) tinned copper drain wire, 100 percent shield coverage, and PVC jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CM.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: UL 1581 Vertical Tray.
- I. Plenum-Type, Paired, Readers and Wiegand Keypads Cable: Paired, 3 pairs, No. 22 AWG, stranded (7x30) tinned copper conductors, plastic insulation, individual aluminum foil- polypropylene tape shielded pairs each with No. 22 AWG, stranded tinned copper drain wire, 100 percent shield coverage, and fluorinated-ethylenepropylene jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMP.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: NFPA 262 Flame Test.
- J. Plenum-Type, Multiconductor, Readers and Keypads Cable: 6 conductors, No. 20 AWG, stranded (7x28) tinned copper conductors, fluorinated-ethylene-propylene insulation, overall aluminum foil-polyester tape shield with 100 percent shield

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- 1. NFPA 70, Type CMP.
- 2. Flame Resistance: NFPA 262 Flame Test.
- K. Paired Lock Cable: 1 pair, twisted, No. 16 AWG, stranded (19x29) tinned copper conductors, PVC insulation, unshielded, and PVC jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMG.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: UL 1581 Vertical Tray.
- L. Plenum-Type, Paired Lock Cable: 1 pair, twisted, No. 16 AWG, stranded (19x29) tinned copper conductors, PVC insulation, unshielded, and PVC jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMP.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: NFPA 262 Flame Test.
- M. Paired Lock Cable: 1 pair, twisted, No. 18 AWG, stranded (19x30) tinned copper conductors, PVC insulation, unshielded, and PVC jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMG.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: UL 1581 Vertical Tray.
- N. Plenum-Type, Paired Lock Cable: 1 pair, twisted, No. 18 AWG, stranded (19x30) tinned copper conductors, fluorinated-ethylenepropylene insulation, unshielded, and plastic jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMP.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: NFPA 262 Flame Test.
- O. Paired Input Cable: 1 pair, twisted, No. 22 AWG, stranded (7x30) tinned copper conductors, polypropylene insulation, overall aluminum foil-polyester tape shield with No. 22 AWG, stranded (7x30) tinned copper drain wire, 100 percent shield coverage, and PVC jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMR.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: UL 1666 Riser Flame Test.
- P. Plenum-Type, Paired Input Cable: 1 pair, twisted, No. 22 AWG, stranded (7x30) tinned copper conductors, fluorinated-ethylene-

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- 1. NFPA 70, Type CMP.
- 2. Flame Resistance: NFPA 262 Flame Test.
- Q. Paired AC Transformer Cable: 1 pair, twisted, No. 18 AWG, stranded (7x26) tinned copper conductors, PVC insulation, unshielded, and PVC jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMG.
- R. Plenum-Type, Paired AC Transformer Cable: 1 pair, twisted, No. 18 AWG, stranded (19x30) tinned copper conductors, fluorinated-ethylene-propylene insulation, unshielded, and plastic jacket.
  - 1. NFPA 70, Type CMP.
  - 2. Flame Resistance: NFPA 262 Flame Test.
- S. LAN (Ethernet) Cabling: Comply with Division 27 Section "Communications Structured Cabling."

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 GENERAL

- A. The Contractor shall install all system components and appurtenances in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions, ANSI C2, and shall furnish all necessary interconnections, services, and adjustments required for a complete and operable system as specified. Control signals, communications, and data transmission lines grounding shall be installed as necessary to preclude ground loops, noise, and surges from affecting system operation. Equipment, materials, installation, workmanship, inspection, and testing shall be in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations and as modified herein.
- B. Consult the manufacturers' installation manuals for all wiring diagrams, schematics, physical equipment sizes, etc., before beginning system installation. Refer to the Riser/Connection

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C. All equipment shall be attached to walls and ceiling/floor assemblies and shall be held firmly in place (e.g., sensors shall not be supported solely by suspended ceilings). Fasteners and supports shall be adequate to support the required load.

# 3.2 CURRENT SITE CONDITIONS

A. The Contractor shall visit the site and verify that site conditions are in agreement with the design package. The Contractor shall report all changes to the site or conditions which will affect performance of the system to the Owner in a report as defined in paragraph Group II Technical Data Package. The Contractor shall not take any corrective action without written permission from the Owner.

## 3.3 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine pathway elements intended for cables. Check raceways, cable trays, and other elements for compliance with space allocations, installation tolerances, hazards to cable installation, and other conditions affecting installation.
- B. Examine roughing-in for LAN and control cable conduit systems to PCs, Controllers, card readers, and other cable-connected devices to verify actual locations of conduit and back boxes before device installation.
- $C.\ Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.$

# 3.4 PREPARATION

- A. Comply with recommendations in SIA CP-01.
- B. Comply with ANSI/TIA-606, "Administration Standard for the Telecommunications Infrastructure of Commercial Buildings."
- C. Obtain detailed Project planning forms from manufacturer of access-control system; develop custom forms to suit Project. Fill in all data available from Project plans and specifications and publish as Project planning documents for

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- 1. For each Location, record setup of Controller features and access requirements.
- 2. Propose start and stop times for time zones and holidays, and match up access levels for doors.
- 3. Set up groups, linking, and list inputs and outputs for each Controller.
- 4. Assign action message names and compose messages.
- 5. Complete system diagnostics and operation verification.
- 6. Prepare a specific plan for system testing, startup, and demonstration.
- 7. Develop acceptance test concept and, on approval, develop specifics of the test.
- Develop cable and asset management system details; input data from construction documents. Include system schematics and Technical Drawings.
- D. In meetings with Architect and Owner, present Project planning documents and review, adjust, and prepare final setup documents. Use final documents to set up system software.

#### 3.5 CABLING

- A. Comply with NECA 1, "Good Workmanship in Electrical Contracting."
- B. Wiring Method: Install wiring in raceway and cable tray except within consoles, cabinets, desks, and counters. Conceal raceway and wiring except in unfinished spaces.
- C. Install LAN cables using techniques, practices, and methods that are consistent with Category 6A rating of components and that ensure Category 6A performance of completed and linked signal paths, end to end.
- D. Install cables without damaging conductors, shield, or jacket.
- E. Boxes and enclosures containing security system components or cabling, and which are easily accessible to employees or to the public, shall be provided with a lock. Boxes above ceiling level in occupied areas of the building shall not be considered to be accessible. Junction boxes and small device enclosures below

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F. Install end-of-line resistors at the field device location and not at the Controller or panel location.

#### 3.6 CABLE APPLICATION

- A. Comply with ANSI/TIA-569, "Commercial Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces."
- B. Cable application requirements are minimum requirements and shall be exceeded if recommended or required by manufacturer of system hardware.
- C. RS-232 Cabling: Install at a maximum distance of 50 feet (15 m).
- D. RS-485 Cabling: Install at a maximum distance of 4000 feet (1220  $\ensuremath{\text{m}})$  .
- E. Card Readers and Keypads:
  - 1. Install number of conductor pairs recommended by manufacturer for the functions specified.
  - Unless manufacturer recommends larger conductors, install No.
     22 AWG wire if maximum distance from Controller to the reader is 250 feet (75 m), and install No. 20 AWG wire if maximum distance is 500 feet (150 m).
  - 3. For greater distances, install "extender" or "repeater" modules recommended by manufacturer of the Controller.
  - 4. Install minimum No. 18 AWG shielded cable to readers and keypads that draw 50 mA or more.
- F. Install minimum No. 16 AWG cable from Controller to electrically powered locks. Do not exceed 250 feet (75 m).
- G. Install minimum No. 18 AWG ac power wire from transformer to Controller, with a maximum distance of 25 feet (8 m).

# 3.7 GROUNDING

- A. Comply with Division 26 Section "Grounding and Bonding for Electrical Systems."
- B. Comply with IEEE 1100, "Power and Grounding Sensitive Electronic Equipment."

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- C. Ground cable shields, drain conductors, and equipment to eliminate shock hazard and to minimize ground loops, common-mode returns, noise pickup, cross talk, and other impairments.
- D. Signal Ground:
  - Terminal: Locate in each equipment room and wiring closet; isolate from power system and equipment grounding.
  - Bus: Mount on wall of main equipment room with standoff insulators.
  - Backbone Cable: Extend from signal ground bus to signal ground terminal in each equipment room and wiring closet.

# 3.8 INSTALLATION

- A. System installation shall be in accordance with UL 294, manufacturer and related documents and references, for each type of security subsystem designed, engineered and installed.
- B. Components shall be configured with appropriate "service points" to pinpoint system trouble in less than 30 minutes.
- C. The Contractor shall install all system components including Government furnished equipment, and appurtenances in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, documentation listed in Sections 1.4 and 1.5 of this document, and shall furnish all necessary connectors, terminators, interconnections, services, and adjustments required for a operable system.
- D. The PACS will be designed, engineered, installed, and tested to ensure all components are fully compatible as a system.
- E. Existing Equipment:
  - The Contractor shall connect to and utilize existing door equipment, control signal transmission lines, and devices as outlined in the design package. Door equipment and signal lines that are usable in their original configuration without modification may be reused with COR approval.
  - 2. The Contractor shall perform a field survey, including testing and inspection of all existing door equipment and signal lines

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- 3. The Contractor shall make written requests and obtain approval prior to disconnecting any signal lines and equipment, and creating equipment downtime. Such work shall proceed only after receiving Contracting Officer approval of these requests. If any device fails after the Contractor has commenced work on that device, signal or control line, the Contractor shall diagnose the failure and perform any necessary corrections to the equipment.
- The Contractor shall be held responsible for repair costs due to Contractor negligence, abuse, or improper installation of equipment.
- 5. The Contracting Officer shall be provided a full list of all equipment that is to be removed or replaced by the Contractor, to include description and serial/manufacturer numbers where possible. The Contractor shall dispose of all equipment that has been removed or replaced based upon approval of the Contracting Officer after reviewing the equipment removal list. In all areas where equipment is removed or replaced the Contractor shall repair those areas to match the current existing conditions.
- F. Enclosure Penetrations: All enclosure penetrations shall be from the bottom of the enclosure unless the system design requires penetrations from other directions. Penetrations of interior enclosures involving transitions of conduit from interior to exterior, and all penetrations on exterior enclosures shall be sealed with rubber silicone sealant to preclude the entry of
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- G. Cold Galvanizing: All field welds and brazing on factory galvanized boxes, enclosures, and conduits shall be coated with a cold galvanized paint containing at least 95 percent zinc by weight.
- H. Control Panels:
  - 1. Connect power and signal lines to the controller.
  - Program the panel as outlined by the design and per the manufacturer's programming guidelines.
- I. SMS:
  - Coordinate with the VA agency's IT personnel to place the computer on the local LAN or Intranet and provide the security system protection levels required to insure only authorized VA personnel have access to the system.
  - 2. Program and set-up the SMS to ensure it is in fully operation.
- J. Card Readers:
  - 1. Connect all signal inputs and outputs as shown and specified.
  - 2. Terminate input signals as required.
  - 3. Program and address the reader as per the design package.
  - Readers shall be surface or flushed mounted and all appropriate hardware shall be provided to ensure the unit is installed in an enclosed conduit system.
- K. Biometrics:
  - 1. Connect all signal input and output cables along with all power cables.
  - 2. Program and ensure the device is in operating order.
- L. Portal Control Devices:
  - 1. Install all signal input and output cables as well as all power cables.

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- Devices shall be surface or flush mounted as per the design package.
- 3. Program all devices and ensure they are working.
- M. Door Status Indicators:
  - 1. Install all signal input and output cables as well as all power cables.
  - RTE's shall be surface mounted and angled in a manner that they cannot be compromised from the non-secure side of a windowed door, or allow for easy release of the locking device from a distance no greater than 6 feet from the base of the door.
  - Door position sensors shall be surface or flush mounted and wide gap with the ability to operate at a maximum distance of up to 2" (5 cm).

# N. Entry Control Devices:

- 1. Install all signal input and power cables.
- 2. Strikes and bolts shall be mounted within the door frame.
- 3. Mortise locks shall be mounted within the door and an electric transfer hinge shall be utilized to transfer the wire from within the door frame to the mortise lock inside the door.
- Electromagnetic locks shall be installed with the mag-lock mounted to the door frame and the metal plate mounted to the door.
- O. System Start-Up:
  - The Contractor shall not apply power to the PACS until the following items have been completed:
    - a. PACS equipment items and have been set up in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
    - b. A visual inspection of the PACS has been conducted to ensure that defective equipment items have not been installed and that there are no loose connections.
    - c. System wiring has been tested and verified as correctly connected as indicated.
    - $d\!.$  All system grounding and transient protection systems have

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- e. Power supplies to be connected to the PACS have been verified as the correct voltage, phasing, and frequency as indicated.
- Satisfaction of the above requirements shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for incorrect installation, defective equipment items, or collateral damage as a result of Contractor work efforts.
- 3. The Commissioning Agent will observe startup and contractor testing of selected equipment. Coordinate the startup and contractor testing schedules with the COR and Commissioning Agent. Provide a minimum of 7 days prior notice.
- P. Supplemental Contractor Quality Control:
  - The Contractor shall provide the services of technical representatives who are familiar with all components and installation procedures of the installed PACS; and are approved by the Contracting Officer.
  - The Contractor will be present on the job site during the preparatory and initial phases of quality control to provide technical assistance.
  - The Contractor shall also be available on an as needed basis to provide assistance with follow-up phases of quality control.
  - 4. The Contractor shall participate in the testing and validation of the system and shall provide certification that the system installed is fully operational as all construction document requirements have been fulfilled.

## 3.9 SYSTEM SOFTWARE

A. Install, configure, and test software and databases for the complete and proper operation of systems involved. Assign software license to Owner.

### 3.10 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Manufacturer's Field Service: Engage a factory-authorized service Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 13 00 - 72 of 74 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702 representative to inspect field- assembled components and equipment installation, including connections, and to assist in field testing. Report results in writing.

- C. Perform the following field tests and inspections and prepare test reports:
  - LAN Cable Procedures: Inspect for physical damage and test each conductor signal path for continuity and shorts. Use Class 2, bidirectional, Category 5 tester. Test for faulty connectors, splices, and terminations. Test according to ANSI/TIA-568-1, "Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling Standards - Part 1 General Requirements." Link performance for UTP cables must comply with minimum criteria in ANSI/TIA-568-B.
  - 2. Test each circuit and component of each system. Tests shall include, but are not limited to, measurements of power supply output under maximum load, signal loop resistance, and leakage to ground where applicable. System components with battery backup shall be operated on battery power for a period of not less than 10 percent of the calculated battery operating time. Provide special equipment and software if testing requires special or dedicated equipment.
  - 3. Operational Test: After installation of cables and connectors, demonstrate product capability and compliance with requirements. Test each signal path for end-to-end performance from each end of all pairs installed. Remove temporary connections when tests have been satisfactorily completed.

## 3.11 PROTECTION

A. Maintain strict security during the installation of equipment and software. Rooms housing the control station, and workstations that have been powered up shall be locked and secured, with an activated burglar alarm and access-control system reporting to a Central Station complying with UL 1610, "Central-Station Burglar-Alarm Units," during periods when a qualified operator in the employ of Contractor is not present. Electronic Health Records Modernization 28 13 00 - 73 of 74 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM Hot Springs VA Medical Center VA Project No. 568A4-21-702

### 3.12 COMMISSIONING

- A. Provide commissioning documentation in accordance with the requirements of Section 28 08 00 - COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY SYSTEMS for all inspection, start up, and contractor testing required above and required by the System Readiness Checklist provided by the Commissioning Agent.
- B. Components provided under this section of the specification will be tested as part of a larger system. Refer to Section 28 08 00 - COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY SYSTEMS and related sections for contractor responsibilities for system commissioning.

#### 3.13 DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING

- A. Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for four hours to instruct VA personnel in operation and maintenance of units.
- B. All testing and training shall be compliant with the VA General Requirements, Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

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## SECTION 31 20 11 EARTHWORK

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION:

This section specifies the requirements for furnishing all equipment, materials, labor and techniques for earthwork including excavation, fill, backfill and site restoration utilizing fertilizer, seed and/or sod.

# 1.2 DEFINITIONS:

- A. Unsuitable Materials:
  - Fills: Topsoil, frozen materials; construction materials and materials subject to decomposition; clods of clay and stones larger than 75 mm (3 inches); organic materials, including silts, which are unstable; and inorganic materials, including silts, too wet to be stable.
  - 2. Existing Subgrade (except footings): Same materials as above paragraph, that are not capable of direct support of slabs, pavement, and similar items, with the possible exception of improvement by compaction, proof rolling with a compactive effort of 4 passes using a 35-ton sheepsfoot roller -Caterpillar C825 or equivalent - shall be made on each 8-inch lift of loose soil spread, or similar methods of improvement.
  - 3. Existing Subgrade (footings only): Same as Paragraph 1, but no fill or backfill. If materials differ from design requirements, excavate to acceptable strata subject to Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)approval.
- B. Earthwork: Earthwork operations required within the new construction area. It also includes earthwork and falsework required for auxiliary structures, utilities, concrete pads, and buildings and sewer and other trenchwork throughout the job site.

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- C. Degree of Compaction: Degree of compaction is expressed as a percentage of maximum density obtained by the test procedure presented in ASTM D698.
- D. The term fill means fill or backfill as appropriate.

#### 1.3 RELATED WORK:

- A. Materials testing and inspection during construction: Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.
- B. Safety Requirements: Section 01 35 26, SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.
- C. Protection of existing utilities, fire protection services, existing equipment, roads, and pavements: Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- D. Subsurface Investigation: Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, Article, PHYSICAL DATA.

## 1.4 CLASSIFICATION OF EXCAVATION:

- A. Unclassified Excavation: Removal and disposal of pavements and other man-made obstructions visible on the surface; utilities, and other items including underground structures indicated to be demolished and removed; together with any type of materials regardless of character of material and obstructions encountered.
- B. Classified Excavation: Removal and disposal of all material not defined as rock.
- C. Rock Excavation:
  - 1. Solid ledge rock (igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rock).
  - 2. Bedded or conglomerate deposits so cemented as to present characteristics of solid rock which cannot be excavated without blasting; or the use of a modern power excavator (shovel, backhoe, or similar power excavators) of no less than 0.75 m3 (1 cubic yard) capacity, properly used, having adequate power and in good running condition.
  - Boulders or other detached stones each having a volume of 0.4 m3 (1/2 cubic yard) or more.

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## 1.5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT FOR EXCAVATION:

Measurement: The unit of measurement for excavation and borrow will be the cubic yard, computed by the average end area method from cross sections taken before and after the excavation and borrow operations, including the excavation for ditches, gutters, and channel changes, when the material is acceptably utilized or disposed of as herein specified. Quantities should be computed by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor or Registered Civil Engineer, specified in Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. The measurement will include authorized excavation for rock, authorized excavation of satisfactory subgrade soil, and the volume of loose, scattered rocks and boulders collected within the limits of the work; allowance will be made on the same basis for selected backfill ordered as replacement. The measurement will not include the volume of subgrade material or other material used for purposes other than directed. The volume of overburden stripped from borrow pits and the volume of excavation for ditches to drain borrow its, unless used as borrow material, will not be measured for payment. The measurement will not include the volume of any excavation performed prior to taking of elevations and measurements of the undisturbed grade. All payment will be based on maximum dry density.

#### 1.6 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT FOR ROCK EXCAVATION:

A. Measurement: Cross section and measure the uncovered and separated materials, and compute quantities by the Registered Professional Land Surveyor or Registered Civil Engineer, specified in Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. Do not measure quantities beyond the following limits:
1. 300 mm (12 inches) outside of the perimeter of formed

footings.

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- 2. 600 mm (24 inches) outside the face of concrete work for which forms are required, except for footings.
- 3. 150 mm (6 inches) below the bottom of pipe and not more than the pipe diameter plus 600 mm (24 inches) in width for pipe trenches.
- The outside dimensions of concrete work for which no forms are required (trenches, conduits, and similar items not requiring forms).
- B. Payment for Differing Site Conditions: When rock excavation, as classified, is encountered, the contract price and time will be adjusted in accordance with Articles, DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS, CHANGES and CHANGES-SUPPLEMENT of the GENERAL CONDITIONS as applicable.

# 1.7 SUBMITTALS:

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Rock Excavation Report:
  - 1. Certification of rock quantities excavated.
  - 2. Excavation method.
  - 3. Labor.
  - 4. Equipment.
  - 5. Land Surveyor's or Civil Engineer's name and official registration stamp.
  - 6. Plot plan showing elevations.
- C. Contractor shall submit procedure and location for disposal of unused satisfactory material. Proposed source of borrow material. Notification of encountering rock in the project. Advance notice on the opening of excavation or borrow areas. Advance notice on shoulder construction for rigid pavements.

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- D. Furnish to Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), soil samples, suitable for laboratory tests, of proposed off site or on site fill material.
- E. Qualifications of the commercial testing laboratory or Contractor's Testing facility shall be submitted.

# **1.8 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:**

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA): 2004 .....American Standard for Nursery Stock
- C. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO): T99-10 ......Moisture-Density Relations of Soils Using a
  - 2.5 kg (5.5 lb) Rammer and a 305 mm (12 inch) Drop

T180-10 .....Standard Method of Test for Moisture-

Density Relations of Soils Using a  $4.54\mbox{-kg}$ 

- [10 lb] Rammer and a 457 mm (18 inch) Drop
- D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - C33-03 .....Concrete Aggregate
  - D698-el .....Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Standard Effort

D1140-00 .....Amount of Material in Soils Finer than the No. 200 (75-micrometer) Sieve

- D1556-00 .....Standard Test Method for Density and Unit Weight of Soil in Place by the Sand-Cone Method
  - D1557-09 .....Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort

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> Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)

- D6938-10 .....Standard Test Methods for Density of Soil and Soil-Aggregate in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth)
- E. Standard Specifications of Michigan Department of Transportation, latest revision.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

## 2.1 MATERIALS:

- A. Fills: Materials approved from on site and off site sources having a minimum dry density of 1760 kg/m3 (110 pcf), a maximum Plasticity Index of 6, and a maximum Liquid Limit of 30.
- B. Granular Fill:
  - Under concrete slab, granular fill shall consist of clean, poorly graded crushed rock, crushed gravel, or uncrushed gravel placed beneath a building slab with or without a vapor barrier to cut off the capillary flow of pore water to the area immediately below. Fine aggregate grading shall conform to ASTM C33 with a maximum of 3 percent by weight passing ASTM D1140.
  - 2. Bedding for sanitary and storm sewer pipe, crushed stone or gravel graded from 13 mm (1/2 inch) to 4.75 mm (No. 4).
- C. Fertilizer: (5-10-5) delivered to site in unopened containers that clearly display the manufacturer's label, indicating the analysis of the contents.

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- D. Seed: Grass mixture comparable to existing turf delivered to site in unopened containers that clearly display the manufacturer's label, indicating the analysis of the contents.
- E. Sod: Comparable species with existing turf. Use State Certified or State Approved sod when available. Deliver sod to site immediately after cutting and in a moist condition. Thickness of cut must be 19 mm to 32 mm (3/4 inch to 1 1/4 inches) excluding top growth. There shall be no broken pads and torn or uneven ends
- F. Requirements For Offsite Soils: Offsite soils brought in for use as backfill shall be tested for TPH, BTEX and full TCLP including ignitability, corrosivity and reactivity. Backfill shall contain less than 100 parts per million (ppm) of total hydrocarbons (TPH) and less than 10 ppm of the sum of Benzene, Toleune, Ethyl Benzene, and Xylene (BTEX) and shall not fail the TCLP test. TPH concentrations shall be determined by using EPA 600/4-79/020 Method 418.1. BTEX concentrations shall be determined by using EPA SW-846.3-3a Method5030/8020. TCLP shall be performed in accordance with EPA SW-846.3-3a Method 1311. Provide Borrow Site Testing for TPH, BTEX and TCLP from a composite sample of material from the borrow site, with at least one test from each borrow site. Material shall not be brought on site until tests have been approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).
- G. Buried Warning and Identification Tape: Polyethylene plastic warning tape manufactured specifically for warning and identification of buried utility lines. Provide tape on rolls, 3 inch minimum width, color coded as specific below for the intended utility with warning and identification imprinted in bold black letters continuously over the entire tape length. Warning and identification to read, "CAUTION, BURIED (intended

Electronic Health Records Modernization 31 20 00 - 7 of 23 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades EARTHWORK Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 31 20 00 - 7 of 23 EARTHWORK service) LINE BELOW" or similar wording. Color and printing shall be permanent, Unaffected by moisture or soil. Warning tape color codes:

Red:	Electric
Yellow:	Gas, Oil, Dangerous Materials
Orange:	Telephone and Other Communications
Blue:	Water Systems
Green:	Sewer Systems
White:	Steam Systems
Gray:	Compressed Air

- H. Warning Tape for Metallic Piping: Acid and alkali-resistant polyethylene plastic tape conforming to the width, color, and printing requirements specified above. Minimum thickness of tape shall be 0.076 mm (0.003 inch). Tape shall have a minimum strength of 10.3 MPa (1500 psi) lengthwise, and 8.6 MPa (1250 psi) crosswise, with a maximum 350 percent elongation.
- I. Detectable Warning Tape for Non-Metallic Piping: Polyethylene plastic tape conforming to the width, color, and printing requirements specified above. Minimum thickness of the tape shall be 0.102 mm (0.004 inch). Tape shall have a minimum strength of 10.3 MPa (1500 psi) lengthwise and 8.6 MPa (1250 psi) crosswise. Tape shall be manufactured with integral wires, foil backing, or other means of enabling detection by a metal detector when tape is buried up to 0.9 m(3 feet) deep. Encase metallic element of the tape in a protective jacket or provide with other means of corrosion protection.
- J. Detection Wire For Non-Metallic Piping: Detection wire shall be Insulated single strand, solid copper with a minimum of 12 AWG.

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## PART 3 - EXECUTION

## 3.1 SITE PREPARATION:

- A. Clearing: Clearing within the limits of earthwork operations as described or designated by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Work includes removal of trees, shrubs, fences, foundations, incidental structures, paving, debris, trash and any other obstructions. Remove materials from the // Medical Center.
- B. Grubbing: Remove stumps and roots 75 mm (3 inches) and larger diameter. Undisturbed sound stumps, roots up to 75 mm (3 inches) diameter, and nonperishable solid objects which will be a minimum of 900 mm (3 feet) below subgrade or finished embankment may be left.
- C. Trees and Shrubs: Trees and shrubs, not shown for removal, may be removed from the areas within 4500 mm (15 feet) of new construction and 2250 mm (7'-6'') of utility lines if such removal is approved in advance by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Remove materials from the Medical Center. Trees and shrubs, shown to be transplanted, shall be dug with a ball of earth and burlapped in accordance with the latest issue of the, "American Standard for Nursery Stock", of the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc. Transplant trees and shrubs to a permanent or temporary position within two hours after digging. Maintain trees and shrubs held in temporary locations by watering as necessary and feeding semi-annually with liquid fertilizer with a minimum analysis of 5 percent nitrogen, 10 percent phosphorus and 5 percent potash. Maintain plants moved to permanent positions as specified for plants in temporary locations until the conclusion of the contract. // Box, and otherwise protect from damage, existing trees and shrubs which are not shown to be removed in the construction area. Repair

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- D. Stripping Topsoil: Unless otherwise indicated on the drawings, the limits of earthwork operations shall extend anywhere the existing grade is filled or cut or where construction operations have compacted or otherwise disturbed the existing grade or turf. Strip topsoil as defined herein, or as indicated in the geotechnical report, from within the limits of earthwork operations as specified above unless specifically indicated or specified elsewhere in the specifications or shown on the drawings. Topsoil shall be fertile, friable, natural topsoil of loamy character and characteristic of the locality. Topsoil shall be capable of growing healthy horticultural crops of grasses. Stockpile topsoil and protect as directed by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Eliminate foreign material, such as weeds, roots, stones, subsoil, frozen clods, and similar foreign materials, larger than 0.014 m3 (1/2 cubic foot) in volume, from soil as it is stockpiled. Retain topsoil on the station. Remove foreign materials larger than 50 mm (2 inches) in any dimension from topsoil used in final grading. Topsoil work, such as stripping, stockpiling, and similar topsoil work, shall not, under any circumstances, be carried out when the soil is wet so that the tilth of the soil will be destroyed.
  - 2. Concrete Slabs and Paving: Score deeply or saw cut to insure a neat, straight cut, sections of existing concrete slabs and paving to be removed where excavation or trenching occurs. Extend pavement section to be removed a minimum of 300 mm (12)

Electronic Health Records Modernization 31 20 00 - 10 of 23 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades EARTHWORK Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 31 20 00 - 10 of 23 EARTHWORK inches) on each side of widest part of trench excavation and insure final score lines are approximately parallel unless otherwise indicated. Remove material from the Medical Center.

E. Disposal: All materials removed from the property shall be disposed of at a legally approved site, for the specific materials, and all removals shall be in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local regulations. No burning of materials is permitted onsite.

# 3.2 EXCAVATION:

- A. Shoring, Sheeting and Bracing: Shore, brace, or slope to it's angle of repose banks of excavations to protect workmen, banks, adjacent paving, structures, and utilities, in compliance with OSHA requirements.
  - Extend shoring and bracing to the bottom of the excavation. Shore excavations that are carried below the elevations of adjacent existing foundations.
  - 2. If the bearing of any foundation is disturbed by excavating, improper shoring or removal of shoring, placing of backfill, and similar operations, provide a concrete fill support in compliance with Specification Section 31 23 23.33, FLOWABLE FILL, under disturbed foundations, as directed by Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), at no additional cost to the Government. Do not remove shoring until permanent work in excavation has been inspected and approved by Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).
- B. Excavation Drainage: Operate pumping equipment and/or provide other materials, means and equipment as required, to keep excavations free of water and subgrades dry, firm, and undisturbed until approval of permanent work has been received from Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Approval by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) is also required

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  - C. Blasting:. Blasting shall not be permitted.
  - D. Building Earthwork:
    - 1. Excavation shall be accomplished as required by drawings and specifications.
    - 2. Excavate foundation excavations to solid undisturbed subgrade.
    - 3. Remove loose or soft material to solid bottom.
    - Fill excess cut under footings or foundations with 25 MPa (3000 psi) concrete, poured separately from the footings.
    - 3. Do not tamp earth for backfilling in footing bottoms, except as specified.
  - E. Trench Earthwork:
    - 1. Utility trenches (except sanitary and storm sewer):
      - a. Excavate to a width as necessary for sheeting and bracing and proper performance of the work.
      - b. Grade bottom of trenches with bell-holes, scooped-out to provide a uniform bearing.
      - c. Support piping on suitable undisturbed earth unless a mechanical support is shown. Unstable material removed from the bottom of the trench or excavation shall be replaced with select granular material placed in layers not exceeding 150 mm (6 inches) loose thickness.
      - d. The length of open trench in advance of pipe laying shall not be greater than is authorized by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).
      - e. Provide buried utility lines with utility identification tape. Bury tape 300 mm (12 inches) below finished grade; under pavements and slabs, bury tape 150 mm (6 inches) below top of subgrade
      - f. Bury detection wire directly above non-metallic piping at a distance not to exceed 300 mm (12 inches) above the top of pipe. The wire shall extend continuously and unbroken,

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from manhole to manhole. The ends of the wire shall terminate inside the manholes at each end of the pipe, with a minimum of 0.9 m (3 feet) of wire, coiled, remaining accessible in each manhole. The wire shall remain insulated over it's entire length. The wire shall enter manholes between the top of the corbel and the frame, and extend up through the chimney seal between the frame and the chimney seal. For force mains, the wire shall terminate in the valve pit at the pump station end of the pipe.

- g. Initial backfill material shall be placed and compacted with approved tampers to a height of at least one foot above the utility pipe or conduit. The backfill shall be brought up evenly on both sides of the pipe for the full length of the pipe. Care shall be taken to ensure thorough compaction of the fill under the haunches of the pipe. Except as specified otherwise in the individual piping section, provide bedding for buried piping in accordance with AWWA C600, Type 4, except as specified herein. Backfill to top of pipe shall be compacted to 95 percent of ASTM D 698maximum density. Plastic piping shall have bedding to spring line of pipe. Provide materials as follows:
  - Class I: Angular, 6 to 40 mm (0.25 to 1.5 inches), graded stone, including a number of fill materials that have regional significance such as coral, slag, cinders, crushed stone, and crushed shells.
- 2) Class II: Coarse sands and gravels with maximum particle size of 40 mm (1.5 inches), including various graded sands and gravels containing small percentages of fines, generally granular and noncohesive, either wet or dry.
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Modernization 31 20 00 - 14 of 23 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades EARTHWORK Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 Soil Types GW, GP, SW, and SP are included in this class as specified in ASTM D 2487.

- Clean, coarse-grained sand classified as SP by the ENR Method.
- Clean, coarsely graded natural gravel, crushed stone or a combination thereof identified GW by ASTM D 2487. Maximum particle size shall not exceed 75 mm (3 inches).
- 2. Sanitary and storm sewer trenches:
  - a. Trench width below a point 150 mm (6 inches) above top of the pipe shall be 600 mm (24 inches) for up to and including 300 mm (12 inches) diameter and four-thirds diameter of pipe plus 200 mm (8 inches) for pipe larger than 300 mm (12 inches). Width of trench above that level shall be as necessary for sheeting and bracing and proper performance of the work.
  - b. The bottom quadrant of the pipe shall be bedded on suitable undisturbed soil or granular fill. Unstable material removed from the bottom of the trench or excavation shall be replaced with select granular material placed in layers not exceeding 150 mm (6 inches) loose thickness.
    - Undisturbed: Bell holes shall be no larger than necessary for jointing. Backfill up to a point 300 mm (12 inches) above top of pipe shall be clean earth placed and tamped by hand.
    - 2) Granular Fill: Depth of fill shall be a minimum of 75 mm (3 inches) plus one-sixth of pipe diameter below the pipe of 300 mm (12 inches) above top of pipe. Place and tamp fill material by hand.
  - c. Place and compact as specified the remainder of backfill using acceptable excavated materials. Do not use unsuitable materials.

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- d. Use granular fill for bedding where rock or rocky materials are excavated.
- e. Provide buried utility lines with utility identification tape. Bury tape 300 mm (12 inches) below finished grade; under pavements and slabs, bury tape 150 mm (6 inches) below top of subgrade
- f. Bury detection wire directly above non-metallic piping at a distance not to exceed 300 mm (12 inches) above the top of pipe. The wire shall extend continuously and unbroken, from manhole to manhole. The ends of the wire shall terminate inside the manholes at each end of the pipe, with a minimum of 0.9 m (3 feet) of wire, coiled, remaining accessible in each manhole. The wire shall remain insulated over its entire length. The wire shall enter manholes between the top of the corbel and the frame, and extend up through the chimney seal between the frame and the chimney seal. For force mains, the wire shall terminate in the valve pit at the pump station end of the pipe.
- g. Initial backfill material shall be placed and compacted with approved tampers to a height of at least one foot above the utility pipe or conduit. The backfill shall be brought up evenly on both sides of the pipe for the full length of the pipe. Care shall be taken to ensure thorough compaction of the fill under the haunches of the pipe. Except as specified otherwise in the individual piping section, provide bedding for buried piping in accordance with AWWA C600, Type 4, except as specified herein. Backfill to top of pipe shall be compacted to 95 percent of ASTM D698 maximum density. Plastic piping shall have

Electronic Health Records Modernization 31 20 00 - 16 of 23 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades EARTHWORK Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 31 20 00 - 16 of 23 EARTHWORK bedding to spring line of pipe. Provide materials as follows:

- Class I: Angular, 6 to 40 mm (0.25 to 1.5 inches), graded stone, including a number of fill materials that have regional significance such as coral, slag, cinders, crushed stone, and crushed shells.
- 2) Class II: Coarse sands and gravels with maximum particle size of 40 mm (1.5 inches), including various graded sands and gravels containing small percentages of fines, generally granular and noncohesive, either wet or dry. Soil Types GW, GP, SW, and SP are included in this class as specified in ASTM D2487.
- 3) Clean, coarse-grained sand classified as SW per ASTM D 2487
- 4) Clean, coarsely graded natural gravel, crushed stone or a combination thereof identified as GP per ASTM D 2487.
- F. Site Earthwork: Excavation shall be accomplished as required by drawings and specifications. Remove subgrade materials that are determined by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) as unsuitable, and replace with acceptable material. When unsuitable material is encountered and removed, the contract price and time will be adjusted in accordance with Articles, DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS, CHANGES and CHANGES-SUPPLEMENT of the GENERAL CONDITIONS as applicable. Adjustments to be based on meters (yardage) in cut section only.
- G. Finished elevation of subgrade shall be as follows:
  - Pavement Areas bottom of the pavement or base course as applicable.
  - Planting and Lawn Areas 100 mm (4 inches) below the finished grade, unless otherwise specified or indicated on the drawings.

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#### 3.3 FILLING AND BACKFILLING:

- A. General: Do not fill or backfill until all debris, unsatisfactory soil materials, obstructions, and deleterious materials have been removed from the excavation. Proof-roll exposed subgrades with a fully loaded dump truck. Use excavated materials or borrow for fill and backfill, as applicable. Do not use unsuitable excavated materials. Do not backfill until foundation walls have been completed above grade and adequately braced, waterproofing or dampproofing applied, and pipes coming in contact with backfill have been installed, and inspected and approved by Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).
- B. Proof-rolling Existing Subgrade: Proof rolling shall be done per ODOT 204.
- C. Placing: Place material in horizontal layers not exceeding 200 mm (8 inches) in loose depth and then compacted. Do not place material on surfaces that are muddy, frozen, or contain frost. wherever possible.
- D. Compaction: Use approved equipment (hand or mechanical) well suited to the type of material being compacted. Do not operate mechanized vibratory compaction equipment within 3000 mm (10 feet) of new or existing building walls without the prior approval of the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Moisten or aerate material as necessary to provide the moisture content that will readily facilitate obtaining the specified compaction with the equipment used. Compact each layer until there is no evidence of further compaction and to not less than 95 percent of the maximum density determined in accordance with the following test method ASTM D698 and D1557 Method A. Backfill adjacent to any and all types of structures shall be placed and compacted to at least 90 percent laboratory maximum density for cohesive materials or 95 percent laboratory maximum density for

Electronic Health Records Modernization 31 20 00 - 18 of 23 (EHRM) Infrastructure Upgrades EARTHWORK Hot Springs VA Medical Center Project No. 568A4-21-702 31 20 00 - 18 of 23 EARTHWORK cohesionless materials to prevent wedging action or eccentric loading upon or against the structure.

- E. Borrow Material: Borrow material shall be selected to meet the requirements and conditions of the particular fill or embankment for which it is to be used. Borrow material shall be obtained from the from approved private sources. Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the Contractor shall obtain from the owners the right to procure material, pay royalties and other charges involved, and bear the expense of developing the sources, including rights-of-way for hauling. Borrow material from approved sources on Government-controlled land may be obtained without payment of royalties. Unless specifically provided, no borrow shall be obtained within the limits of the project site without prior written approval. Necessary clearing, grubbing, and satisfactory drainage of borrow pits and the disposal of debris thereon shall be considered related operations to the borrow excavation.
- F. Opening and Drainage of Excavation and Borrow Pits: The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) sufficiently in advance of the opening of any excavation or borrow pit to permit elevations and measurements of the undisturbed ground surface to be taken. Except as otherwise permitted, borrow pits and other excavation areas shall be excavated providing adequate drainage. Overburden and other spoil material shall be transported to designated spoil areas or otherwise disposed of as directed. Borrow pits shall be neatly trimmed and drained after the excavation is completed. The Contractor shall ensure that excavation of any area, operation of borrow pits, or dumping of spoil material results in minimum detrimental effects on natural environmental conditions.

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# 3.4 GRADING:

- A. General: Uniformly grade the areas within the limits of this section, including adjacent transition areas. Smooth the finished surface within specified tolerance. Provide uniform levels or slopes between points where elevations are indicated, or between such points and existing finished grades. Provide a smooth transition between abrupt changes in slope.
- B. Cut rough or sloping rock to level beds for foundations. In unfinished areas fill low spots and level off with coarse sand or fine gravel.
- C. Slope backfill outside the building away from the building walls for a minimum distance of 3048 mm (10 feet)at a minimum five percent (5%) slope.
- D. The finished grade shall be 150 mm (6 inches) below bottom line of windows or other building wall openings unless greater depth is shown.
- E. Place crushed stone or gravel fill under concrete slabs on grade tamped and leveled. The thickness of the fill shall be 150 mm (6 inches), unless otherwise indicated.
- F. Finish subgrade in a condition acceptable to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at least one day in advance of the paving operations. Maintain finished subgrade in a smooth and compacted condition until the succeeding operation has been accomplished. Scarify, compact, and grade the subgrade prior to further construction when approved compacted subgrade is disturbed by contractor's subsequent operations or adverse weather.
- G. Grading for Paved Areas: Provide final grades for both subgrade and base course to +/- 6 mm (0.25 inches) of indicated grades.

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# 3.5 LAWN AREAS:

- A. General: Harrow and till to a depth of 100 mm (4 inches), new or existing lawn areas to remain, which are disturbed during construction. Establish existing or design grades by dragging or similar operations. Do not carry out lawn areas earthwork out when the soil is wet so that the tilth of the soil will be destroyed. Plant bed must be approved by Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) before seeding or sodding operation begins.
- B. Finished Grading: Begin finish grading after rough grading has had sufficient time for settlement. Scarify subgrade surface in lawn areas to a depth of 100 mm (4 inches). Apply topsoil so that after normal compaction, dragging and raking operations (to bring surface to indicated finish grades) there will be a minimum of 100 mm (4 inches) of topsoil over all lawn areas; make smooth, even surface and true grades, which will not allow water to stand at any point. Shape top and bottom of banks to form reverse curves in section; make junctions with undisturbed areas to conform to existing topography. Solid lines within grading limits indicate finished contours. Existing contours, indicated by broken lines are believed approximately correct but are not guaranteed.
- C. Fertilizing: Incorporate fertilizer into the soil to a depth of 100 mm (4 inches) at a rate of 12 kg/100 m2 (25 pounds per 1000 square feet).
- D. Seeding: Seed at a rate of 2 kg/100 m2 (4 pounds per 1000 square feet) and accomplished only during periods when uniform distribution may be assured. Lightly rake seed into bed immediately after seeding. Roll seeded area immediately with a roller not to exceed 225 kg/m (150 pounds per foot) of roller width.

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- E. Sodding: Topsoil shall be firmed by rolling and during periods of high temperature the topsoil shall be watered lightly immediately prior to laying sod. Sod strips shall be tightly butted at the ends and staggered in a running bond fashion. Placement on slopes shall be from the bottom to top of slope with sod strips running across slope. Secure sodded slopes by pegging or other approved methods. Roll sodded area with a roller not to exceed 225 kg/m (150 pounds per foot) of the roller width to improve contact of sod with the soil.
- F. Watering: The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) is responsible for having adequate water available at the site. As sodding is completed in any one section, the entire sodded area shall be thoroughly irrigated by the contractor, to a sufficient depth, that the underside of the new sod pad and soil, immediately below sod, is thoroughly wet. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) will be responsible for sod after installation and acceptance.

#### 3.6 DISPOSAL OF UNSUITABLE AND EXCESS EXCAVATED MATERIAL:

- A. Disposal: Remove surplus satisfactory soil and waste material, including unsatisfactory soil, trash, and debris, and legally dispose of it off Medical Center.
- B. Place excess excavated materials suitable for fill and/or backfill on site where directed.
- C. Remove from site and dispose of any excess excavated materials after all fill and backfill operations have been completed.
- D. Segregate all excavated contaminated soil designated by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) from all other excavated soils, and stockpile on site on two 0.15 mm (6 mil) polyethylene sheets with a polyethylene cover. A designated area shall be selected for this purpose. Dispose of excavated

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contaminated material in accordance with State and Local requirements.

# 3.7 CLEAN-UP:

Upon completion of earthwork operations, clean areas within contract limits, remove tools, and equipment. Provide site clear, clean, free of debris, and suitable for subsequent construction operations. Remove debris, rubbish, and excess material from the Medical Center.

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# SECTION 31 23 23.33 FLOWABLE FILL

# PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION:

- A. Flowable fill refers to a cementitious slurry consisting of a mixture of fine aggregate or filler, water, and cementitious material(s), which is used as a fill or backfill in lieu of compacted earth. This mixture is capable of filling all voids in irregular excavations and hard to reach places (such as under undercuts of existing slabs), is self-leveling, and hardens in a matter of a few hours without the need for compaction in layers. Flowable fill is sometimes referred to as controlled density fill (CDF), controlled low strength material (CLSM), lean concrete slurry, and unshrinkable fill.
- B. Flowable fill materials will be used as only as a structural fill replacement on VA projects. Unless otherwise noted, flowable fill installed as a substitution for structural earth fill, shall not be designed to be removed by the use of hand tools. The materials and mix design for the flowable fill should be designed to produce a comparable compressive strength to the surrounding soil after hardening, making excavation at a later time possible.

#### 1.2 DESCRIPTION:

Furnish and place flowable fill in a fluid condition, that sets within the required time and, after curing, obtains the desired strength properties as evidenced by the laboratory testing of the specific mix design, at locations shown on the plans or as directed by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), verbally or in writing

# 1.3 RELATED WORK:

A. Materials testing and inspection during construction: Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.

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# 1.4 DEFINITIONS:

- A. Flowable fill Ready-mix Controlled Low Strength Material used as an alternative to compacted soil, and is also known as controlled density fill, and several other names, some of which are trademark names of material suppliers. Flowable fill (Controlled Low Strength Material) differs from portland cement concrete as it contains a low cementitious content to reduce strength development for possible future removal. Unless specifically approved otherwise, by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), flowable fill shall be designed as a permanent material, not designed for future removal. Design strength for this permanent type flowable fill shall be a compressive strength of 2.1 MPa (300 psi) minimum at 28 days. Chemical admixtures may also be used in flowable fill to modify performance properties of strength, flow, set and permeability.
- B. Excavatable Flowable fill flowable fill designed with a compressive strength that will allow excavation as either machine tool excavatable at compressive strength of 1.5 MPa (200 psi) maximum at 1 year, or hand tool excavatable at compressive strength of 0.7 MPa (100 psi) maximum at 1 year.

#### 1.5 SUBMITTALS:

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Flowable fill Mix Design: Provide flowable fill mix design containing cement and water. At the contractor's option, it may also contain fly ash, aggregate, or chemical admixtures in any proportions such that the final product meets the strength and flow consistency, and shrinkage requirements included in this specifications. The mix design should state the sources and proportions of each of the flowable fill constituents. The coefficient of permeability of flowable fill shall be that of

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- 1. Test and Performance Submit the following data:
  - a. Flowable fill shall have a minimum strength of 2.1 MPa (300 psi) according to ASTM C 39 at 28 days after placement.
  - b. Flowable fill shall have minimal subsidence and bleed water shrinkage. Evaporation of bleed water shall not result in shrinkage of more than 10.4 mm per m (1/8 inch per ft.) of flowable fill depth (for mixes containing high fly ash content). Measurement of a Final Bleeding shall be as measured in Section 10 of ASTM C 940 "Standard Test Method for Expansion and Bleeding of Freshly Mixed Grouts for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete in the Laboratory.
  - c. Flowable fill shall have a unit weight of 1500 1900 kg/m3 (90 - 115 lbs/feet 3) measured at the point of placement after a 60 minute ready-mix truck ride.
- C. Provide documentation that the admixture supplier has experience of at least one year, with the products being provided and any equipment required to obtain desired performance of the product.
- D. Manufacturer's Certificates: Provide Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) with documentation issued by the State Agency responsible for approving materials for burial, indicating conformance with applicable rules and regulations including a certification that the materials incorporated in the flowable fill, following achievement of the required strength, do not represent a threat to groundwater quality. Provide cold and hot weather means and methods of construction as is required.

# 1.6 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

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D4832-10	.Standard Test Method for Preparation and
	Testing of Controlled Low Strength Material
	(CLSM) Test Cylinders.
C618-12	.Standard Specifications for Coal Fly Ash
	and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for
	use in Concrete. (Use Fly Ash conforming to
	the chemical and physical requirements for
	mineral admixture, Class F listed,
	including Table 2 (except for Footnote A).
	Waive the loss on ignition requirement.)
C403/C403M-08	.Standard Test Method for Time of Setting of
	Concrete Mixtures by Penetration
	Resistance.
C150/C150M-11	.Standard Specification for Portland Cement
C33/C33M-11a	.Standard Specification for Concrete
	Aggregates
С94/С94М-12	.Standard Specification for Ready-Mixed
	Concrete
C494/C494M-11	.Standard Specification for Chemical
	Admixtures for Concrete
C685/C685M-11	.Standard Specification for Concrete Made by
	Volumetric Batching and Continuous Mixing
C940-10a	.Standard Specification for Expansion and
	Bleeding of Freshly Mixed Grouts for
	Preplaced - Aggregate Concrete in the
	Laboratory
D5971	.Sampling Freshly Mixed Controlled Low
	Strength Material
D6103	.Flow Consistency of Controlled Low Strength
	Material
D6023	.Unit Weight, Yield, Cement Content and Air
	Content (Gravimetric) of Controlled Low
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C. American Concrete Institute (ACI): SP-150-94 .....Controlled Low-Strength Materials

# 1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE:

- A. Manufacturer: Flowable fill shall be manufactured by a ready-mix concrete producer with a minimum of 1 year experience in the production of similar products.
- B. Materials: For each type of material required for the work of this Section, provide primary materials that are the products of one manufacturer. If not otherwise specified here, materials shall comply with recommendations of ACI 229, "Controlled Low Strength Materials."
- C. Pre-Approval Procedures: The use of flowable fill during any part of the project shall be restricted to those incidences where, due to field conditions, the Contractor has made the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) aware of the conditions for which he recommends the use of the flowable, and the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) has confirmed those conditions and approved the use of the flowable fill, in advance. During the submittal process, the contractor shall prepare and submit various flowable fill mix designs corresponding to required conditions or if the contractor desires to use flowable fill due to economics. Approval for the strength of the flowable fill shall be obtained from the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) when the contractor desires, or is required, to use flowable fill at specific location(s) within the project. Prior to commencement of field operations the contractor shall establish procedures to maintain optimum working conditions and to coordinate this work with related and adjacent work.
- D. Sampling and Acceptance: Flowable fill shall be samples and testing in the field in conformance with either ASTM C 94 or C 685. Samples for tests shall be taken for every 115 cubic meters (150 cubic yards) of material, or fraction thereof, for each day's placement. Tests shall include temperature reading and

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# 1.8 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING:

Deliver and handle all products and equipment required, in strict compliance with manufacturer's recommendations. Protect from damage due to weather, excessive temperatures, and construction operations.

#### 1.9 PROJECT CONDITIONS:

Perform installation of flowable fill only when approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), and when existing and forecasted weather conditions are within the limits established by the manufacturer of the materials and products used.

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 MATERIALS:

- A. Provide flowable fill containing, at a minimum, cementitious materials and water. Cementitious materials shall be portland cement, pozzolanic materials, or other self-cementing materials, or combinations thereof, at the contractor's option The flowable fill mix design may also contain, fine aggregate or filler, and/or chemical admixtures in any proportions such that the final product meets the strength, flow consistency and shrinkage requirements included in this specification, as approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).
- B. Portland Cement: ASTM C150, Type 1 or Type 2.
- C. Mixing Water: Fresh, clean, and potable.
- D. Air-Entraining Admixture: ASTM C260.
- E. Chemical Admixtures: ASTM C494.
- F. Aggregate: ASTM C33.

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#### 2.2 FLOWABLE FILL MIXTURE:

- A. Mix design shall produce a consistency that will result in a flowable product at the time of placement which does not require manual means to move it into place.
- B. Flowable fill shall have a minimum strength of 2.1 MPa (300 psi) according to ASTM C39 at 28 days after placement.
- C. Flowable fill shall have minimal subsidence and bleed water shrinkage. Evaporation of bleed water shall not result in shrinkage of more than 10.4 mm per m (1/8 inch per foot) of flowable fill depth (for mixes containing high fly ash content). Measurement of a Final Bleeding shall be as measured in Section 10 of ASTM C 940 "Standard Test Method for Expansion and Bleeding of Freshly Mixed Grouts for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete in the Laboratory.
- D. Flowable fill shall have a unit weight of 1500 1900 kg/m3 (90 115 lbs/feet3) measured at the point of placement after a 60 minute ready-mix truck ride. In the absence of strength data the cementitious content shall be a maximum of 90 kg/m3 (150 lbs/cy).
- E. Flowable fill shall have an in-place yield of at least 98% of design yield.
- F. Provide equipment as recommended by the Manufacturer and comply with manufacturer's recommendations for the addition of additives, whether at the production plant or prior to placement at the site.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 EXAMINATION:

Examine conditions of substrates and other conditions under which work is to be performed and notify Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), in writing, of circumstances detrimental to the proper completion of the work. Do not proceed until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected.

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# 3.2 APPLICATION OF FLOWABLE FILL:

Secure tanks, pipes and other members to be encased in flowable fill. Insure that there are no exposed metallic pipes, conduits, or other items that will be in contact with the flowable fill after placement. If so, replace with non-metallic materials or apply manufacturers recommended coating to protect metallic objects before placing the flowable fill. Replacement or protection of metallic objects is subject to the approval of the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

#### 3.3 PROTECTION AND CURING:

Protect exposed surfaces of flowable fill from premature drying, wash by rain or running water, wind, mechanical injury, and excessively hot or cold temperature. Curing method shall be subject to approval by Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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# SECTION 32 05 23 CEMENT AND CONCRETE FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:
  - 1. Subbase for concrete pavements.
  - 2. Curbs, gutters, and combination curbs and gutters.
  - 3. Pedestrian Pavement: All
  - 4. Vehicular Pavement: All
  - 5. Equipment Pads: All

# 1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. Field Testing: Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.
- B. Subgrade Preparation and Subbase Compaction: Section 31 20 00, EARTHWORK.

#### 1.3 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Comply with references to extent specified in this section.
- B. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO):
  - 1. M147-65-UL-04 Materials for Aggregate and Soil-Aggregate Subbase, Base and Surface Courses.
  - 2. M233-86 Boiled Linseed Oil Mixture for Treatment of Portland Cement Concrete.
- C. American Concrete Institute (ACI):
  - 1. 305R-10 Guide to Hot Weather Concreting.
  - 2. 306R-10 Guide to Cold Weather Concreting.
- D. American National Standards Institute (ANSI):
  - 1. B101.3 Wet DOCF of Common Hard Surface Floor Materials (Including Action and Limit Thresholds for the Suitable Assessment of the Measured Values).
- E. ASTM International (ASTM):

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- A615/A615M-16 Deformed and Plain Carbon Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
- A996/A996M-15 Rail-Steel and Axle-Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
- A1064/A1064M-16 Carbon-Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete.
- 4. C33/C33M-16 Concrete Aggregates.
- 5. C94/C94M-16 Ready Mixed Concrete.
- 6. C143/C143M-15a Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete.
- 7. C150/C150M-16 Portland Cement.
- 8. C171-16 Sheet Materials for Curing Concrete.
- 9. C260/C260M-10a Air Entraining Admixtures for Concrete.
- 10.C309-11 Liquid Membrane Forming Compounds for Curing Concrete.
- 11.C494/C494M-15a Chemical Admixtures for Concrete.
- 12.C618-15 Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete.
- 13.C979/C979M-16 Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete.
- 14.C989/C989M-14 Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars.
- 15.C1240-15 Silica Fume Used in Cementitious Mixtures.
- 16.D1751-04(2013)e1 Preformed Expansion Joint Filler for Concrete Paving and Structural Construction (Nonextruding and Resilient Bituminous Types).
- 17.D5893/D5893M-10 Cold Applied, Single Component, Chemically Curing Silicone Joint Sealant for Portland Cement Concrete Pavements.
- 18.D6690-15 Joint and Crack Sealants, Hot Applied, for Concrete and Asphalt Pavements.

# 1.4 PREINSTALLATION MEETINGS

A. Conduct preinstallation meeting at project site minimum 30 days before beginning Work of this section.

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- 1. Required Participants:
  - a. Contracting Officer's Representative.
  - b. Contractor.
  - c. Installer.
- 2. Meeting Agenda: Distribute agenda to participants minimum 3 days before meeting.
  - a. Installation schedule.
  - b. Installation sequence.
  - c. Preparatory work.
  - d. Protection before, during, and after installation during cold, temperate, inclement, and hot weather conditions
  - e. Installation.
  - f. Terminations.
  - q. Transitions and connections to other work.
  - h. Inspecting and testing.
  - i. Other items affecting successful completion.
- 3. Document and distribute meeting minutes to participants to record decisions affecting installation.

#### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submittal Procedures: Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Submittal Drawings:
  - 1. Show size, configuration, and fabrication and installation details.
  - 2. Show reinforcing.
  - 3. Include jointing plan for concrete pavements, curbs and gutters.
- C. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
  - 1. Description of each product.
  - 2. Installation instructions.
- D. Samples:

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- 1. Exposed Aggregate Concrete Panel: 0.4 sq. m by 50 mm (4 sq. ft. by 2 inches) thick, 2 required, each color and finish.
- 2. Colored Concrete Panel: As specified in Section 09 06 00, SCHEDULE FOR FINISHES, with mix data.
- E. Test reports: Certify products comply with specifications.
  - 1. Concrete materials.
  - 2. Select subbase materials.
  - 3. Field test reports.
- F. Certificates: Certify products comply with specifications.
  - 1. Expansion joint filler.
  - 2. Reinforcement.
  - 3. Curing materials.
  - 4. Concrete protective coating.
- G. Qualifications: Substantiate qualifications comply with specifications.
  - 1. Installer with project experience list.
  - 2. Land surveyor.
- H. Concrete mix design.
- I. Select subbase job-mix design.
- J. Proposed hot and cold weather concreting methods.
- K. Land surveyor's construction staking notes, before placing concrete.
  - 1. Identify discrepancies between field conditions and Drawings.

# 1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications:
  - 1. Regularly installs specified products.
  - 2. Installed specified products with satisfactory service on five similar installations.
    - a. Project Experience List: Provide contact names and addresses for completed projects.

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- B. Land Surveyor: Professional land surveyor or engineer registered to provide land surveys in jurisdiction where project is located.
- C. Preconstruction Testing:
  - Engage independent testing laboratory to perform tests and submit reports.
    - a. Deliver samples to laboratory in number and quantity required for testing.
  - 2. Concrete mix design.
  - 3. Select subbase job-mix design. Report the following:
    - a. Material sources.
    - b. Gradation.
    - c. Plasticity index.
    - d. Liquid limit.
    - e. Laboratory compaction curves indicating maximum density at optimum moisture content.

# 1.7 DELIVERY

- A. Deliver steel reinforcement to prevent damage.
- B. Before installation, return or dispose of distorted or damaged steel reinforcement.
- C. Bulk Products: Deliver bulk products away from buildings, utilities, pavement, and existing turf and planted areas. Maintain dry bulk product storage away from contaminants.

# 1.8 STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Store products indoors in dry, weathertight facility.
- B. Protect products from damage during handling and construction operations.

#### 1.9 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Hot Weather Concreting Procedures: ACI 305R.
- B. Cold Weather Concreting Procedures: ACI 306R.
  - 1. Use non-corrosive, non-chloride accelerator admixture.

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2. Do not use calcium chloride, thiocyanates or admixtures containing more than 0.05 percent chloride ions.

#### 1.10 WARRANTY

A. Construction Warranty: FAR clause 52.246-21, "Warranty of Construction."

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 CONCRETE MATERIALS

- A. Portland Cement: ASTM C150/C150M, Type I or II.
- B. Pozzolans:
  - 1. Fly Ash: ASTM C618, Class C or F including supplementary optional physical requirements.
  - 2. Slag: ASTM C989/C989, Grade 80,
  - 3. Silica Fume: ASTM C1240.
- C. Coarse Aggregate: ASTM C33/C33M;
- D. Fine Aggregate: ASTM C33/C33M.
- E. Mixing Water: Fresh, clean, and potable.
- F. Air-Entraining Admixture: ASTM C260/C260M.
- G. Chemical Admixtures: ASTM C494/C494M.
- H. Reinforcing Steel: ASTM A615/A615M or ASTM A996/A996M, // Grade 280 (40) deformed.
- I. Welded Wire Fabric: ASTM A1064/A1064M, deformed; Grade 385 (56); sized as indicated.
- J. Expansion Joint Filler: ASTM D1751.
- K. Sheet Materials for Curing Concrete: ASTM C171.

## 2.2 SELECT SUBBASE

- A. Subbase: AASHTO M147; Grade A
  - 1. Select granular material composed of sand, sand-gravel, crushed stone, crushed or granulated slag, with or without soil binder, or combinations of these materials.

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SUBBASE GRADING REQUIREMENTS							
Sieve Si	ze	Percentage Passing by Mass					
		Grades					
(mm)	(in)	A	В	С	D	Е	F
50	2	100	100				
25	1		75-95	100	100	100	100
9.5	3/8	30-65	40-75	50-85	60-100		
4.47	No. 4	25-55	30-60	35-65	50-85	55-100	70-100
2.00	No. 10	15-40	20-45	25-50	40-70	40-100	55-100
0.425	No. 40	8-20	15-30	15-30	25-45	20-50	30-70
0.075	No. 200	2-8	5-20	5-15	5-20	6-20	8-25

B. Other Acceptable Gradations: Materials within three to five percent, plus or minus, of specified gradation, or as recommended by the geotechnical engineer and approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative.

#### 2.3 FORMS

- A. Forms: Wood, plywood, metal, or other materials, approved by Contracting Officer's Representative, of grade or type suitable to obtain type of finish specified.
  - Plywood: Exterior grade, free of defects and patches on contact surface.
  - Lumber: Sound, grade-marked, S4S stress graded softwood, minimum 50 mm (2 inches) thick, free from warp, twist, loose knots, splits, or other defects.
  - 3. Form Coating: As recommended by Architect/Engineer.
- B. Provide forms suitable in cross-section, depth, and strength to resist springing during depositing and consolidating concrete.
  - Do not use forms varying from straight line more than 3 mm in 3000 mm (1/8 inch in 10 feet), horizontally and vertically.
- C. Provide flexible or curved forms for forming radii.

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#### 2.4 CONCRETE CURING MATERIALS

- A. Concrete curing materials, conform to one of the following:
  - 1. Burlap: Minimum 233 g/sq. m (7 ounces/sq. yd.) dry.
  - 2. Sheet Materials for Curing Concrete: ASTM C171.
  - 3. Curing Compound: ASTM C309, // Type 1 clear

#### 2.5 CONCRETE MIXES

- A. Design concrete mixes according to ASTM C94/C94M, Option C.
- B. Concrete Type: Air-entrained. See Table I.

TABLE I - CONCRETE TYPES						
Concret	Minimum 28	Non-Air-Entrain	ied	Air-Entrained		
е Туре	Day	Min. Cement	Max.	Min. Cement	Max.	
	Compressive	kg/cu. m	Water	kg/cu. m	Water	
	Strength f'c	(lbs./cu. yd.)	Cemen	(lbs./cu.	Cement	
	MPa (psi)		t	yd.)	Ratio	
			Ratio			
A	35 (5000)1,3	375 (630)	0.45	385 (650)	0.40	
В	30 (4000)1,3	325 (550)	0.55	340 (570)	0.50	
С	25 (3000)1,3	280 (470)	0.65	290 (490)	0.55	
D	25 (3000)1,2	300 (500)	*	310 (520)	*	
Footnotes:						
1. If trial mixes are used, achieve compressive strength 8.3 MPa						

(1,200 psi) in excess of f'c. For concrete strengths greater than 35 MPa (5,000 psi), achieve compressive strength 9.7 MPa (1,400 psi) in excess of f'c.

2. For Concrete Exposed to High Sulfate Content Soils: Maximum water cement ratio is 0.44.

3. Laboratory Determined according to ACI 211.1 for normal weight concrete.

C. Maximum Slump: ASTM C143/C143M. See Table II.

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TABLE II - MAXIMUM SLUMP		
APPLICATION	MAXIMUM SLUMP	
Curb & Gutter	75 mm (3 inches)	
Pedestrian Pavement	75 mm (3 inches)	
Vehicular Pavement	50 mm (2 inches) Machine Finished	
	100 mm (4 inches) Hand Finished	
Equipment Pad	75 to 100 mm (3 to 4 inches)	

# 2.6 ACCESSORIES

- A. Equipment and Tools: Obtain Contracting Officer's Representative's, approval of equipment and tools needed for handling materials and performing work before work begins.
- B. Maintain equipment and tools in satisfactory working condition.
- C. Sealants:
  - Concrete Paving Expansion Joints: ASTM D5893/D5893M, Type SL, single component, self-leveling, silicone joint sealant.
  - Concrete Paving Joints: ASTM D6690, Type IV, hot-applied, single component joint sealant.
- D. Concrete Protective Coating: AASHTO M233 linseed oil mixture.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Examine and verify substrate suitability for product installation.
- B. Protect existing construction and completed work from damage.
- C. Prepare, construct, and finish subgrade. See Section 31 20 00, EARTHWORK.
- D. Maintain subgrade in smooth, compacted condition, in conformance with the required section and established grade until the succeeding operation has been accomplished.

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#### 3.2 SELECT SUBBASE

- A. Placing:
  - 1. Place subbase material on prepared subgrade in uniform layer to required contour and grades, and to maximum 200 mm (8 inches) loose depth.
  - 2. When required compacted thickness exceeds 150 mm (6 inches), place subbase material in equal thickness layers.
  - 3. When subbase elevation is 13 mm (1/2 inch) or more below required grade, excavate subbase minimum 75 mm (3 inches) deep. Place and compact subbase to required grade.
- B. Compaction:
  - 1. Perform compaction with approved hand or mechanical equipment well suited to the material being compacted.
  - 2. Maintain subbase at optimum moisture content for compaction.
  - 3. Compact each subbase layer to minimum 95 percent or 100 percent of maximum density as specified in Section 31 20 00, EARTHWORK.

# C. Subbase Tolerances:

- 1. Variation from Indicated Grade: Maximum 9 mm (3/8 inch).
- 2. Variation from Indicated Thickness: Maximum 13 mm (1/2 inch).
- D. Protection:
  - 1. Protect subbase from damage until concrete is placed.
  - 2. Reconstruct damaged subbase before placing concrete.

# 3.3 SETTING FORMS

- A. Form Substrate:
  - 1. Compact form substrate to uniformly support forms along entire length.
  - 2. Correct substrate imperfections and variations by cutting, filling, and compacting.
- B. Form Setting:

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- Set forms to indicated line and grade with tight joints. Rigidly brace forms preventing movement.
- 2. Remove forms when removal will not damage concrete and when required for finishing.
- 3. Clean and oil forms before each use.
- Correct forms, when required, immediately before placing concrete.
- C. Land Surveyor: Establish control, alignment, and grade for forms and slip forming machine operations.
  - Notify Contracting Officer's Representative immediately when discrepancies exist between field conditions and drawings.
  - Correct discrepancies greater than 25 mm (1 inch) before placing concrete.
- D. Form Tolerances:
  - 1. Variation from Indicated Line: Maximum 6 mm (1/4 inch).
  - Variation from Indicated Grade: Maximum 3 mm in 3000 mm (1/8 inch in 10 feet).

#### 3.4 PLACING REINFORCEMENT

- A. Keep reinforcement clean from contamination preventing concrete bond.
- B. Install reinforcement shown on drawings.
- C. Support and securely tie reinforcing steel to prevent displacement during concrete placement.
- D. Obtain Contracting Officer's Representative's reinforcement placement approval before placing concrete.

# 3.5 JOINTS - GENERAL

- A. Place joints, where shown on approved submittal Drawings.
  - 1. Conform to details shown.
  - 2. Install joints perpendicular to finished concrete surface.
- B. Make joints straight and continuous from edge to edge of pavement.

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### 3.6 CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

- A. Locate longitudinal and transverse construction joints between slabs of vehicular pavement as shown on approved submittal Drawings.
- B. Place transverse construction joints of type shown, where indicated, and whenever concrete placement is suspended for more than 30 minutes.
- C. Provide butt-type joint with dowels in curb and gutter at planned joint locations.
- D. Provide keyed joints with tie bars when joint occurs in middle third of planned curb and gutter joint interval.

# 3.7 CONTRACTION JOINTS

- A. Tool or cut joints to width, depth, and radius edge shown on drawings using grooving tool, jointer, or saw.
- B. Construct joints in curbs and gutters by inserting 3 mm (1/8 inch) steel plates conforming to curb and gutter cross sections.
  - 1. Keep plates in place until concrete can hold its shape.
- C. Finish joint edges with edging tool.
- D. Score pedestrian pavement with grooving tool or jointer.

#### 3.8 EXPANSION JOINTS

- A. Form expansion joints with expansion joint filler of thickness shown on drawings.
  - Locate joints around perimeter of structures and features abutting site work concrete.
  - Create complete, uniform separation between structure and site work concrete.
- B. Extend expansion joint material full depth of concrete with top edge of joint filler below finished concrete surface where sealant is indicated on Drawings.
- C. Cut and shape material matching cross section.

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- D. Anchor with approved devices to prevent displacing during placing and finishing operations.
- E. Round joint edges with edging tool.

# 3.9 PLACING CONCRETE - GENERAL

- A. Preparation before Placing Concrete:
  - 1. Obtain Contracting Officer's Representative approval.
  - 2. Remove debris and other foreign material.
  - 3. Uniformly moisten substrate, without standing water.
- B. Convey concrete from mixer to final location without segregation or loss of ingredients. Deposit concrete to minimize handling.
- C. During placement, consolidate concrete by spading or vibrating to minimize voids, honeycomb, and rock pockets.
  - 1. Vibrate concrete against forms and along joints.
  - 2. Avoid excess vibration and handling causing segregation.
- D. Place concrete continuously between joints without bulkheads.
- E. Install construction joint in concrete placement suspended for more than 30 minutes.
- F. Replace concrete with cracks, chips, bird baths, and other defects to nearest joints, approved by Contracting Officer's Representative.

# 3.10 PLACING CONCRETE FOR CURB AND GUTTER, PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENT, AND EQUIPMENT PADS

- A. Place concrete in one layer conforming to cross section shown on Drawings after consolidating and finishing.
- B. Deposit concrete near joints without disturbing joints. Do not place concrete directly onto joint assemblies.
- C. Strike concrete surface to proper section ready for consolidation.
- D. Consolidate concrete by tamping and spading or with approved mechanical finishing equipment.
- E. Finish concrete surface with wood or metal float.

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F. Construct concrete pads and pavements with sufficient slope to drain, preventing standing water.

# 3.11 PLACING CONCRETE FOR VEHICULAR PAVEMENT

- A. Deposit concrete as close as possible to its final position.
- B. Place concrete continuously between construction joints without cold joints.
- C. Strike and consolidate concrete with finishing machine, vibrating screed, or by hand-finishing.
- D. Finish concrete surface to elevation and crown shown on drawings.
- E. Deposit concrete near joints without disturbing joints. Do not place concrete directly onto joint assemblies.
- F. Obtain Contracting Officer's Representative's approval before placing adjacent lanes.

# 3.12 FORM REMOVAL

- A. Keep forms in place minimum 12 hours after concrete placement. Remove forms without damaging concrete.
- B. Do not use bars or heavy tools against concrete to remove forms. Repair damage concrete found after form removal.

#### 3.13 CONCRETE FINISHING - GENERAL

- A. Follow operation sequence below, unless otherwise indicated on Drawings:
  - 1. Consolidating, floating, striking, troweling, texturing, and joint edging.
- B. Use edging tool with 6 mm (1/4 inch) radius, unless otherwise shown on Drawings.
- C. Keep finishing equipment and tools clean and suitable for use.

#### 3.14 CONCRETE FINISHING - PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENT

A. Walks, Grade Slabs, Lawn Mower Crossings, Wheelchair Curb Ramps, Terraces, Healing Gardens :

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- Finish concrete surfaces with metal float, troweled smooth, and finished with a broom moistened with clear water.
- 2. Finish slab edges and formed transverse joints with edger.
- 3. Broom surfaces transverse to traffic direction.
  - a. Use brooming to eliminate flat surface produced by edger.
  - b. Produce uniform corrugations, maximum 1.5 mm (1/16 inch) deep profile.
- 4. Provide surface uniform in color and free of surface blemishes, form marks, and tool marks.
- 5. Paving Tolerances:
  - a. Variation from Indicated Plane: Maximum 5 mm in 3000 mm
     (3/16 inch in 10 feet).
  - b. Variation from Indicated Thickness: Maximum 6 mm (1/4 inch).
- Replace paving within joint boundary when paving exceeds specified tolerances.
- B. Step Treads, Risers and Sidewalls: Finish as specified for pedestrian pavement, except as follows:
  - 1. Remove riser forms sequentially, starting with top riser.
  - Rub riser face with wood or concrete rubbing block and water. Remove blemishes, form marks, and tool marks. Use outside edger to round nosing; use inside edger to finish bottom of riser.
  - Apply uniform brush finish to treads, risers, and sidewall.
     a. Apply stiff brush finish to treads to provide slip resistant surface complying with ANSI B101.3.
  - 4. Step Tolerance:
    - a. Variation from Indicated Plane: Maximum 5 mm in 3000 mm (3/16 inch in 10 feet).

# 3.15 CONCRETE FINISHING - VEHICULAR PAVEMENT

A. Align finish surfaces where new and existing pavements abut.

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- B. Longitudinally float pavement surface to profile and grade indicated on drawings.
- C. Straighten surface removing irregularities and maintaining specified tolerances while concrete is plastic.
- D. Finish pavement edges and joints with edging tool.
- E. Broom finish concrete surface after bleed water dissipates and before concrete hardens.
  - 1. Broom surface transverse to traffic direction.
    - a. Use brooming to eliminate flat surface produced by edger.
    - b. Produce uniform corrugations, maximum 3 mm (1/8 inch) deep profile.
- F. Pavement Tolerances:
  - 1. Variation from Indicated Plane: Maximum 6 mm in 3000 mm (1/4 inch in 10 feet) tested parallel and perpendicular to traffic direction at maximum 1500 mm (5 feet) intervals.
  - 2. Variation from Indicated Thickness: Maximum 6 mm (1/4 inch).
- G. Replace paving within joint boundary when paving exceeds specified tolerances.

### 3.16 CONCRETE FINISHING - CURBS AND GUTTERS

- A. Round edges of gutter and top of curb with edging tool.
- B. Gutter and Curb Top:
  - 1. Float surfaces and finish with smooth wood or metal float until true to grade and section and uniform color.
  - 2. Finish surfaces, while still plastic, longitudinally with bristle brush.
- C. Curb Face:
  - 1. Remove curb form and immediately rub curb face with wood or concrete rubbing block removing blemishes, form marks, and tool marks and providing uniform color.
  - 2. Brush curb face, while still plastic, matching gutter and curb top.

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- D. Curb and Gutter Tolerances: Except at grade changes or curves.
  - 1. Variation from Indicated Plane and Grade:
    - a. Gutter: Maximum 3 mm in 3000 mm (1/8 inch in 10 feet).
    - b. Curb Top and Face: Maximum 6 mm in 3000 mm (1/4 inch in 10 feet).
- E. Replace curbs and gutters within joint boundary when curbs and gutters exceed specified tolerances.
- F. Correct depressions causing standing water.

#### 3.17 CONCRETE FINISHING - EQUIPMENT PADS

- A. Strike pad surface to elevation shown on Drawings.
- B. Provide smooth, dense float finish, free from depressions or irregularities.
- C. Finish pad edges with edger.
- D. After removing forms, rub pad edge faces with wood or concrete rubbing block, removing blemishes, form marks, and tool marks and providing uniform color.
- E. Pad Tolerances:
  - Variation from Indicated Plane: Maximum 3 mm in 3000 mm (1/8 inch in 10 feet).
  - 2. Variation from Indicated Elevation: Maximum 6 mm (1/4 inch).
  - 3. Variation from Indicated Thickness: Maximum 6 mm (1/4 inch).
- F. Replace pads when pads exceed specified tolerances.

#### 3.18 CONCRETE CURING

- A. Concrete Protection:
  - 1. Protect unhardened concrete from rain and flowing water.
  - Provide sufficient curing and protection materials available and ready for use before concrete placement begins.
  - 3. Protect concrete to prevent pavement cracking from ambient temperature changes during curing period.
    - a. Replace pavement damaged by curing method allowing concrete cracking.

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- b. Employ another curing method as directed by Contracting Officer's Representative.
- B. Cure concrete for minimum 7 days by one of the following methods appropriate to weather conditions preventing moisture loss and rapid temperature change:
  - 1. Burlap Mat: Provide minimum two layers kept saturated with water during curing period. Overlap Mats at least 150 mm (6 inches).
  - 2. Sheet Materials:
    - a. Wet exposed concrete surface with fine water spray and cover with sheet materials.
    - b. Overlap sheets minimum 300 mm (12 inches).
    - c. Securely anchor sheet materials preventing displacement.
  - 3. Curing Compound:
    - a. Protect joints indicated to receive sealants preventing contamination from curing compound.
    - b. Insert moistened paper or fiber rope into joint or cover joint with waterproof paper.
    - c. Apply curing compound before concrete dries.
    - d. Apply curing compound in two coats at right angles to each other.
    - e. Application Rate: Maximum 5 sq. m/L (200 sq. ft./gallon), both coats.
    - f. Immediately reapply curing compound to surfaces damaged during curing period.

### 3.19 CONCRETE PROTECTIVE COATING

A. Apply protective coating of linseed oil mixture to exposed-to-view concrete surfaces, drainage structures, and features that project through, into, or against concrete exterior improvements to protect the concrete against deicing materials.

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- B. Complete backfilling and curing operation before applying protective coating.
- C. Dry and thoroughly clean concrete before each application.
- D. Apply two coats, with maximum coverage of 11 sq. m/L (50 sq. yds./gal.); first coat, and maximum 16 sq. m/L (70 sq. yds./gal.); second coat, except apply commercially prepared mixture according to manufacturer's instructions.
- E. Protect coated surfaces from vehicular and pedestrian traffic until dry.
- F. Do not heat protective coating, and do not expose protective coating to open flame, sparks, or fire adjacent to open containers or applicators. Do not apply material at temperatures lower than 10 degrees C (50 degrees F).

## 3.20 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Field Tests: Performed by testing laboratory specified in Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.
  - 1. Compaction.
    - a. Pavement subgrade.
    - b. Curb, gutter, and sidewalk.
  - 2. Concrete:
    - a. Delivery samples.
    - b. Field samples.
  - 3. Slip Resistance: Steps and pedestrian paving.

# 3.21 CLEANING

- A. After completing curing:
  - 1. Remove burlap and sheet curing materials.
  - 2. Sweep concrete clean, removing foreign matter from the joints.
  - 3. Seal joints as specified.

# 3.22 PROTECTION

A. Protect exterior improvements from traffic and construction

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- 1. Prohibit traffic on paving for minimum seven days after placement, or longer as directed by Contracting Officer's Representative.
- B. Remove protective materials immediately before acceptance.
- C. Repair damage.
  - 1. Replace concrete containing excessive cracking, fractures, spalling, and other defects within joint boundary, when directed by Contracting Officer's Representative, and at no additional cost to the Government.

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# SECTION 32 12 16 ASPHALT PAVING

## PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

This work shall cover the composition, mixing, construction upon the prepared subgrade, and the protection of hot asphalt concrete pavement. The hot asphalt concrete pavement shall consist of an aggregate or asphalt base course and asphalt surface course constructed in conformity with the lines, grades, thickness, and cross sections as shown. Each course shall be constructed to the depth, section, or elevation required by the drawings and shall be rolled, finished, and approved before the placement of the next course.

#### 1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Laboratory and field testing requirements: Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.
- B. Subgrade Preparation: Paragraph 3.3 and Section 31 20 00, EARTH MOVING.
- C. Pavement Markings: Section 32 17 23, PAVEMENT MARKINGS.

#### 1.3 INSPECTION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) shall have access at all times to all parts of the material producing plants for checking the mixing operations and materials and the adequacy of the equipment in use.

## 1.4 ALIGNMENT AND GRADE CONTROL

The Contractor's Registered Professional Land Surveyor shall establish and control the pavement (aggregate or asphalt base course and asphalt surface course) alignments, grades, elevations, and cross sections as shown on the Drawings.

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### 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES, furnish the following:
- B. Data and Test Reports:
  - Aggregate Base Course: Sources, gradation, liquid limit, plasticity index, percentage of wear, and other tests required by State Highway Department.
  - Asphalt Base/Surface Course: Aggregate source, gradation, soundness loss, percentage of wear, and other tests required by State Highway Department.
  - 3. Job-mix formula.
- C. Certifications:
  - Asphalt prime and tack coat material certificate of conformance to Oregon State Highway Department requirements.
  - 2. Asphalt cement certificate of conformance to Oregon State Highway Department requirements.
  - 3. Job-mix certification Submit plant mix certification that mix equals or exceeds the Oregon State Highway Specification.
- D. One copy of Oregon State Highway Department Specifications.
- E. Provide MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) for all chemicals used on ground.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

# 2.1 GENERAL

A. Aggregate base, asphaltic base, and/or asphalt concrete materials shall conform to the requirements of the following and other appropriate sections of the latest version of the State Highway Material Specifications, including amendments, addenda and errata. Where the term "Engineer" or "Commission" is referenced in the Oregon State Highway Specifications, it shall mean the VA

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Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) or VA Contracting Officer.

### 2.2 AGGREGATES

- A. Provide aggregates consisting of crushed stone, gravel, sand, or other sound, durable mineral materials processed and blended, and naturally combined.
- B. Subbase aggregate (where required) maximum size: 38mm(1-1/2").
- C. Base aggregate maximum size:
  - 1. Base course over 152mm(6") thick: 38mm(1-1/2");
  - 2. Other base courses: 19mm(3/4").
- D. Asphaltic base course:
  - 1. Maximum particle size not to exceed 25.4mm(1").
  - 2. Where conflicts arise between this specification and the requirements in the latest version of the State Highway Specifications, the State Specifications shall control.
- E. Aggregates for asphaltic concrete paving: Provide a mixture of sand, mineral aggregate, and liquid asphalt mixed in such proportions that the percentage by weight will be within:

<u>Sieve Sizes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	Passing
19mm(3/4")	nm (3/4") 100	
9.5mm(3/8")	67 to	o 85
6.4mm(1/4")	50 to	o 65
2.4mm(No. 8 mesh)	37 to	o 50
600µm(No. 30 mesh)	15 to	o 25
75µm(No. 200 mesh)	3 to	S 8

plus 50/60 penetration liquid asphalt at 5 percent to 6-1/2 percent of the combined dry aggregates.

### 2.3 ASPHALTS

A. Comply with provisions of Asphalt Institute Specification SS2:

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1.	Asphalt cement:	Penetration grade 50/60
2.	Prime coat:	Cut-back type, grade MC-250

3. Tack coat: Uniformly emulsified, grade SS-1H

# 2.4 SEALER

- A. Provide a sealer consisting of suitable fibrated chemical type asphalt base binders and fillers having a container consistency suitable for troweling after thorough stirring, and containing no clay or other deleterious substance.
- B. Where conflicts arise between this specification and the requirements in the latest version of the State Highway Specifications, the State Specifications shall control.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

# 3.1 GENERAL

The Asphalt Concrete Paving equipment, weather limitations, job-mix formula, mixing, construction methods, compaction, finishing, tolerance, and protection shall conform to the requirements of the appropriate sections of the State Highway Specifications for the type of material specified.

## 3.2 MIXING ASPHALTIC CONCRETE MATERIALS

A. Provide hot plant-mixed asphaltic concrete paving materials.

- Temperature leaving the plant: 143 degrees C(290 degrees F) minimum, 160 degrees C(320 degrees F) maximum.
- Temperature at time of placing: 138 degrees C(280 degrees F) minimum.

# 3.3 SUBGRADE

- A. Shape to line and grade and compact with self-propelled rollers.
- B. All depressions that develop under rolling shall be filled with acceptable material and the area re-rolled.
- C. Soft areas shall be removed and filled with acceptable materials and the area re-rolled.

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- D. Should the subgrade become rutted or displaced prior to the placing of the subbase, it shall be reworked to bring to line and grade.
- E. Proof-roll the subgrade with maximum 45 tonne (50 ton) gross weight dump truck as directed by VA Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) or VA Contracting Officer. If pumping, pushing, or other movement is observed, rework the area to provide a stable and compacted subgrade.

## 3.4 BASE COURSES

- A. Subbase (when required)
  - 1. Spread and compact to the thickness shown on the drawings.
  - Rolling shall begin at the sides and continue toward the center and shall continue until there is no movement ahead of the roller.
  - After completion of the subbase rolling there shall be no hauling over the subbase other than the delivery of material for the top course.
- B. Base
  - 1. Spread and compact to the thickness shown on the drawings.
  - Rolling shall begin at the sides and continue toward the center and shall continue until there is no movement ahead of the roller.
  - 3. After completion of the base rolling there shall be no hauling over the base other than the delivery of material for the top course.
- C. Thickness tolerance: Provide the compacted thicknesses shown on the Drawings within a tolerance of minus 0.0mm (0.0") to plus 12.7mm (0.5").
- D. Smoothness tolerance: Provide the lines and grades shown on the Drawings within a tolerance of 5mm in 3m (3/16 inch in ten feet).

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E. Moisture content: Use only the amount of moisture needed to achieve the specified compaction.

# 3.5 PLACEMENT OF ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVING

- A. Remove all loose materials from the compacted base.
- B. Apply the specified prime coat, and tack coat where required, and allow to dry in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations as approved by the Architect or Engineer.
- C. Receipt of asphaltic concrete materials:
  - Do not accept material unless it is covered with a tarpaulin until unloaded, and unless the material has a temperature of not less than 130 degrees C(280 degrees F).
  - Do not commence placement of asphaltic concrete materials when the atmospheric temperature is below 10 degrees C (50 degrees F), not during fog, rain, or other unsuitable conditions.
- D. Spreading:
  - 1. Spread material in a manner that requires the least handling.
  - Where thickness of finished paving will be 76mm (3") or less, spread in one layer.
- E. Rolling:
  - After the material has been spread to the proper depth, roll until the surface is hard, smooth, unyielding, and true to the thickness and elevations shown own the drawings.
  - Roll in at least two directions until no roller marks are visible.
  - 3. Finished paving smoothness tolerance:
    - a. No depressions which will retain standing water.
    - b. No deviation greater than 3mm in 1.8m (1/8" in six feet).

# 3.6 APPLICATION OF SEAL COAT

A. Prepare the surfaces, mix the seal coat material, and apply in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations as approved by the Architect or Engineer.

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- B. Achieve a finished surface seal which, when dry and thoroughly set, is smooth, tough, resilient, of uniform black color, and free from coarse textured areas, lap marks, ridges, and other surface irregularities.
- C. When sealing new asphalt paving wait an entire year to allow for the expansion and contraction of a year's cycle of both warm and cool temperatures. This allows for the asphalt's oils to properly cure and begin oxidation before applying a seal coat.
- D. When seal coating in less than a year apply two coats, spray applied. This application method is preferred for less than a year application when there is still plenty of asphalt cement present for the seal coat to bond to.
- E. When seal coating existing paving that has new asphalt patches, apply two coats sprayed to the existing asphalt and a single lighter coat on new patch work, just enough to make the color of the new patches match the rest of the reseal coated paving.
- F. When resealing existing paving 5, 10, 15 years and older, that is oxidized and is very light in color, squeegee apply the first coat of seal coat and spray on a second coat. Two coats are preferred in older paving when the asphalt cement has oxidized leaving the seal coat with nothing to bond to other than the aggregate that in many cases has polished over time leaving less than a desirable surface to bond to.

# 3.7 PROTECTION

Protect the asphaltic concrete paved areas from traffic until the sealer is set and cured and does not pick up under foot or wheeled traffic.

# 3.8 FINAL CLEAN-UP

Remove all debris, rubbish, and excess material from the work area.

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# SECTION 32 17 23 PAVEMENT MARKINGS

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

## 1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:
  - Paint and reflective glass beads on pavement surfaces, in form of traffic lanes, parking bays, areas restricted to handicapped persons, crosswalks, and other detail pavement markings.

#### 1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

A. Paint VOC Limits: Section 01 81 13, SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

#### 1.3 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Comply with references to extent specified in this section.
- B. Federal Specifications (Fed. Spec.):
  - 1. TT-B-1325D Beads (Glass Spheres) Retro-Reflective.
  - 2. TT-P-1952F Paint, Traffic and Airfield Marking, Waterborne.
- C. Master Painters Institute (MPI):
   1. No. 97 Traffic Marking Paint, Latex.

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submittal Procedures: Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Submittal Drawings:
  - 1. Show pavement marking configuration and dimensions.
  - Show international symbol of accessibility at designated parking spaces.
- C. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
  - 1. Description of each product.
  - 2. Application instructions.
- D. Samples:

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1. Paint: 200 mm (8 inches) square, each type and color.

- E. Certificates: Certify products comply with specifications.
- F. Qualifications: Substantiate qualifications comply with specifications.
  - 1. Installer with project experience list.

### 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications:
  - 1. Regularly installs specified products.
  - Installed specified products with satisfactory service on five similar installations for minimum five years.
    - a. Project Experience List: Provide contact names and addresses for completed projects.

# 1.6 DELIVERY

- A. Deliver products in manufacturer's original sealed packaging.
- B. Mark packaging, legibly. Indicate manufacturer's name or brand, type, color, production run number, and manufacture date.
- C. Before installation, return or dispose of products within distorted, damaged, or opened packaging.

### 1.7 STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Store products indoors in dry, weathertight conditioned facility.
- B. Protect products from damage during handling and construction operations.

# 1.8 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Environment:
  - Product Temperature: Minimum 13 degrees C (55 degrees F) for minimum 48 hours before installation.
    - a. Surface to be painted and ambient temperature: Minimum
      10 degrees C (50 degrees F) and maximum 35 degrees C
      (95 degrees F).

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B. Field Measurements: Verify field conditions affecting traffic marking installation. Show field measurements on Submittal Drawings.

## 1.9 WARRANTY

A. Construction Warranty: FAR clause 52.246-21, "Warranty of Construction."

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

A. Design paint complying with specified performance:1. Application: Fed. Spec. TT-P-1952.

## 2.2 PRODUCTS - GENERAL

- A. Basis of Design: Section 09 06 00, SCHEDULE FOR FINISHES.
- B. Provide each product from one manufacturer and from one production run.
  - Low Pollutant-Emitting Materials: Comply with VOC limits specified in Section 01 81 13, SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS for the following products:

     Paints and coatings.

### 2.3 SANDBLASTING EQUIPMENT

A. Air compressor, hoses, and nozzles of proper size and capacity as required for cleaning painted surfaces. Compressor to provide minimum 0.08 cu. m/s (150 cfm) of air at pressure of minimum 625 kPa (90 psi) at each nozzle used.

#### 2.4 PAINT APPLICATOR

A. Apply marking paint with approved mechanical equipment. Provide equipment with constant agitation of paint and travel at controlled speeds. Synchronize one or more paint "guns" to automatically begin and cut off paint flow in case of skip lines. Equipment to have manual control to apply continuous lines of

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#### 2.5 PAINT

- A. Paint: MPI No. 97. For obliterating existing markings comply with Fed. Spec. TT-P-1952. Provide minimum 18 L (5 gallons) containers.
- B. Color match existing striping color.

### 2.6 REFLECTIVE GLASS BEADS

A. Beads: Comply with Fed. Spec. TT-B-1325, Type I, Gradation A. In regions of high humidity, coat beads with silicone or other suitable waterproofing material to ensure free flow. Provide glass beads in containers suitable for handling and strong enough to prevent loss during shipment.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Examine and verify substrate suitability for product installation.
  - Allow new pavement surfaces to cure for period of minimum 14 days before application of marking materials.
- B. Protect existing construction and completed work from damage.
- C. Clean substrates. Remove contaminants capable of affecting subsequently installed product's performance.
  - Remove dust, dirt, and other granular surface deposits by sweeping, blowing with compressed air, rinsing with water, or combination of these methods.

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- 2. Completely remove rubber deposits, existing paint markings, and other coatings adhering to pavement with scrapers, wire brushings, sandblasting, mechanical abrasion, or approved chemicals as directed by Contracting Officer's Representative.
- 3. As an option, comply with Fed. Spec. TT-P-1952 for removal of existing paint markings on asphalt pavement. Apply black paint in as many coats as necessary to completely obliterate existing markings.
- 4. Scrub affected areas with several applications of trisodium phosphate solution or other approved detergent or degreaser, and rinse thoroughly after each application, Where oil or grease are present on old pavements to be marked, .
  - a. After cleaning, seal oil-soaked areas with cut shellac to prevent bleeding through new paint.
- 5. Clean and dry surface before pavement marking. Do not begin any marking until Contracting Officer's Representative inspected surface and gives permission to proceed.

### 3.2 TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKING

- A. Apply Temporary Pavement Markings of colors, widths and lengths shown on drawings or directed by Contracting Officer's Representative. After temporary marking has served its purpose and when so ordered by Contracting Officer's Representative, remove temporary marking by carefully controlled sandblasting, approved grinding equipment, or other approved method to prevent damage on applied surface.
- B. As an option, provide approved preformed pressure sensitive, reflective, tape type of temporary pavement marking of required colors, widths and lengths in lieu of temporary painted and reflective marking. Continuous durability and effectiveness of such marking is required during period for which its use is

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## 3.3 INSTALLATION - GENERAL

- A. Install products according to manufacturer's instructions and approved submittal drawings.
  - When manufacturer's instructions deviate from specifications, submit proposed resolution for Contracting Officer's Representative consideration.

# 3.4 PAINT APPLICATION

- A. Apply uniformly painted and reflective pavement marking of required colors, length, and width with true, sharp edges and ends on properly cured, prepared, and dried surfaces.
- B. Comply with details as indicated on drawings and established control points.
- C. Apply paint at wet film thickness of 0.4 mm (0.015 inch). Disperse reflective glass beads evenly on wet paint at rate of 720 g/L (6 pounds per gal.) of paint. Apply paint in one coat. When directed by Contracting Officer's Representative, apply additional coats at markings showing light spots. Comply with paint manufacturer's maximum drying time requirements to prevent undue softening of asphalt, and pick-up, displacement, or discoloration by tires of traffic.
- D. When deficiency in marking drying occurs, discontinue paint operations until cause of slow drying is determined and corrected.
- E. Remove and replace marking applied less than minimum material rates, deviates from true alignment, exceeds stipulated length and width tolerances, or shows light spots, faulty distribution of beads, smears, or other deficiencies or irregularities.

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F. Remove marking by carefully controlled sandblasting, approved grinding equipment, or other approve method to prevent damage on applied surface.

# 3.5 DETAIL PAVEMENT MARKING APPLICATION

- A. Apply Detail Pavement Markings, exclusive of actual traffic lane marking as follows:
  - 1. At exit and entrance islands and turnouts.
  - 2. On curbs.
  - 3. At crosswalks.
  - 4. At parking bays.
  - 5. Other locations as indicated on drawings.
- B. Apply International Handicapped Symbol at indicated parking spaces. Color as shown on drawings. Apply paint for symbol using suitable template that will provide pavement marking with true, sharp edges and ends.
- C. Install detail pavement markings of colors, widths and lengths, and design pattern at locations indicated on drawings.

## 3.6 TOLERANCES

- A. Length and Width of Lines: Plus or minus 75 mm (3 inches) and plus or minus 3 mm (1/8 inch), respectively, in case of skip markings.
- B. Length of intervals exceeding line length tolerance are not acceptable.

#### 3.7 CLEANING

A. Remove excess paint before paint sets.

### 3.8 PROTECTION

- A. Protect pavement markings from traffic and construction operations.
  - Protect newly painted markings from vehicular traffic until paint is dry and track free.

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- Place warning signs at beginning of wet line, and at points well in advance of marking equipment for alerting approaching traffic from both directions.
- 3. Place small flags or other similarly effective small objects near freshly applied markings at frequent intervals to reduce crossing by traffic.
- B. Repair damage.

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# SECTION 32 90 05 TURFGRASS SODDING

## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:
  - Turfgrass sodding of new and/or disturbed lawns at site, utility trenches, equipment pads and around building additions.

### 1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. Topsoil Materials, Section 31 20 00, EARTHWORK.
- B. Topsoil Placement and Compaction Test: Section 31 20 00, EARTHWORK.

# 1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Pesticide: Any substance or mixture of substances, including biological control agents, that may prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate pests and is specifically labeled for use by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Also, any substance used as plant regulator, defoliant, disinfectant, or biocide.
- B. Stand of Turf: 95 percent of established species.

# 1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Turfgrass Producers International (TPI):
  - 1. 2006 Guideline Specifications to Turfgrass Sodding.

# 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submittal Procedures: Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Samples:

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1. 2' x 4' sample of proposed turfgrass sod.

### 1.6 DELIVERY

A. Sod shall be cut as designated sod. Farm no sooner than 24 hours prior to delivery to project site and installation.

### 1.7 WARRANTY

- A. Construction Warranty: FAR clause 52.246-21, "Warranty of Construction."
- B. Manufacturer's Warranty: Warrant plantings and against material defects.
  - 1. Warranty Period: Two years.
  - Turf Warranty Period will begin from date of VA substantial acceptance of project. (Beneficial Occupancy)
  - 3. Contracting Officer's Representative will reinspect turf at end of Warranty Period. Replace any dead, missing, or defective turf immediately. Warranty Period will end on date of this inspection provided Contractor has complied with warranty work required by this specification. Comply with following requirements:

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 PRODUCTS - GENERAL

A. Provide sod from one source.

#### 2.2 SOD

A. Sod: Nursery grown, certified and classified in TPI's "Guideline Specifications to Turfgrass Sodding" as GSS. Machine cut sod at uniform thickness 2 inches within tolerance of 1/4 inch, excluding top growth and thatch. Each individual sod piece to be strong enough to support its own weight when lifted by ends.

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## 2.3 TURF SELECTIONS

A. Sod shall match existing lawns of medical center as closely as possible.

### 2.4 WATER

A. Water: Source approved by Contracting Officer's Representative and suitable quality for irrigation, containing no elements toxic to plant life, including acids, alkalis, salts, chemical pollutants, and organic matter. Use collected storm water or graywater when available.

#### PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 SODDING

- A. Place sod maximum 24 hours after initial harvesting according to TPI GSS, except as modified herein.
- B. For slopes 2 to 1 and greater, lay sod with long edge perpendicular to contour. For V-ditches and flat bottomed ditches, lay sod with long edge perpendicular to water flow. Anchor each piece of sod with wood pegs or wire staples maximum 600 mm (24 inches) on center. On sloped areas, start sodding at bottom of slope.
- C. Finishing: After sodding, blend edges of sodded area smoothly into surrounding area. Eliminate air pockets and provide true and even surface. Trim frayed areas and patch holes and missing areas with sod.
- D. Rolling: Immediately after sodding, firm entire area, except slopes in excess of 3: 1, with roller maximum 134 kg (90 lbs.) for each foot of roller width.

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#### 3.2 TURF MAINTENANCE

- A. Mow turf to uniform finished height measured from soil. Perform mowing in manner that prevents scalping, rutting, bruising, uneven and rough cutting. Before mowing, remove and dispose of all rubbish, debris, trash, leaves, rocks, paper, and limbs or branches on turf areas. Sweep or vacuum clean adjacent paved areas.
- B. Apply fertilizer in manner that promotes health, growth, vigor, color and appearance of cultivated turf areas. Determine method of application, fertilizer type and frequencies by results of laboratory soil analysis. Provide organic fertilizer. If organic fertilizer does not produce desired effect, contact Contracting Officer's Representative for approval before applying synthetic fertilizer. Apply fertilizer by approved methods and according to manufacturer's instructions.
- C. Watering: Perform irrigation in manner that promotes health, growth, color, and appearance of cultivated vegetation, complying with Federal, State, and local water agency and authority directives. Prevent overwatering, water run-off, erosion, and ponding due to excessive quantities or rate of application.

# 3.3 CLEANING

A. Remove and legally dispose of all excess soil and planting debris.

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### 3.4 PROTECTION

- A. Protect plants from traffic and construction operations.
- B. Provide temporary fences or enclosures and signage, at planted areas for first growing season.
- C. Repair damage.

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