

**SECTION 27 05 33
RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies conduit stub ups, fittings, and boxes to form complete, coordinated, pathway cable support system. Cable pathway support is required for all communications cabling unless shown or specified otherwise.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Mounting board for Telecommunication Rooms: Section 06 10 00, ROUGH CARPENTRY.
- B. Sealing around penetrations to maintain integrity of fire rated construction: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- 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.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Section 27 50 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS, submit the following:
1. Size and location of cabinets, splice boxes and pull boxes.
 2. Layout of required conduit penetrations through structural elements.
 3. 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

- A. Minimum Conduit Size: 19 mm (3/4 inch).
- B. Conduit:
1. Rigid Galvanized Steel: Conform to UL 6, ANSI C80.1.
 2. Rigid Intermediate Steel Conduit (IMC): Conform to UL 1242, ANSI C80.6.
 3. 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.
 4. Surface Metal Raceway: Conform to UL 5.
- C. Conduit Fittings:

1. 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.
 - 2) Use set screws of case hardened steel with hex head and cup point to seat in conduit wall for positive ground. Tightening of set screws with pliers is prohibited.
 - g. Provide OEM approved fittings.
2. 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.
 - 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.
3. Surface Metal Raceway: Conform to UL 5 and "telecommunications service" rated with approved length-way partitions and cable straps

- to prevent wires and cables from changing from one partitioned pathway to another.
4. Surface Metal Raceway Fittings: As recommended by raceway manufacturer.
 5. 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.
- D. Conduit Supports:
1. Parts and Hardware: Provide zinc-coat or equivalent corrosion protection.
 2. 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: 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.
 4. 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. Outlet Boxes:
1. Flush wall mounted minimum 11.9 cm (4-11/16 inches) square, 9.2 cm (3-5/8 inches) deep pressed galvanized steel.

2. Flush wall mounted 12.7 cm (5 inches) square x 7.3 cm (2-7/8 inches); deep pressed galvanized steel.
3. 2-Gang Tile Box:
 - a. Flush back box type for installation in block walls.
 - b. Minimum 92 mm (3-5/8 inches) deep.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

- A. Raceways typically required for cabling systems unless otherwise indicated:

System	Specification Section	Installed Method
Grounding	27 05 26	Conduit Not Required
Control, Communication and Signal Wiring	27 10 00	Complete Conduit Allowed in Non-Partitioned Cable Tray or Cable Ladders
Communications Structured Cabling	27 15 00	Conduit to Cable Tray Partitioned Cable Tray

- B. Penetrations:

1. Cutting or Holes:

- a. Locate holes in advance of installation. Where they are 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 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, wire ways, 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.
 - 1) Fill and seal clearances between raceways and openings with fire stop material.
 - 2) Install only retro-fittable, non-hardening, and reusable firestop material that can be removed and reinstalled to seal around cables inside conduits.

- C. Conduit Installation:

1. 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.
3. Install pull boxes after every 180 degrees of bends (two 90 degree bends). Size boxes per TIA 569.
4. 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 closet or at top or bottom of backboard. Install conduits to enter telecommunication rooms next to wall and flush with backboard.
6. Where drilling is necessary for vertical conduits, locate holes so as not to affect structural sections.
7. Seal empty conduits located in telecommunications rooms or on backboards with a standard non-hardening putty compound to prevent entrance of moisture and gases and to meet fire resistance requirements.
8. Minimum radius of communication conduit bends:

Sizes of Conduit Trade Size	Radius of Conduit Bends 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)

9. Provide 19 mm (3/4 inch) thick fire retardant plywood specified in Section 06 10 00, ROUGH CARPENTRY on wall of communication closets where shown on drawings. Mount plywood with bottom edge 300 mm (12 inches) above finished floor and top edge 2.74 m (9 feet) A.F.F.
10. Provide pull wire in all empty conduits; sleeves through floor are exceptions.
11. Complete each entire conduit run installation before pulling in cables.

12. Flattened, dented, or deformed conduit is not permitted.
 13. Ensure conduit installation does not encroach into ceiling height head room, walkways, or doorways.
 14. Cut conduit square with a hacksaw, ream, remove burrs, and draw tight.
 15. Install conduit mechanically continuous.
 16. 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).
 17. Support conduit within 300 mm (1 foot) of changes of direction, and within 300 mm (1 foot) of each enclosure to which connected.
 18. Close ends of empty conduit with plugs or caps to prevent entry of debris, until cables are pulled in.
 19. Conduit installations under fume and vent hoods are prohibited.
 20. 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.
 21. Do not use aluminum conduits in wet locations.
 22. Unless otherwise indicated on drawings or specified herein, conceal conduits within finished walls, floors and ceilings.
 23. 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.
 24. 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.
- D. Concealed Work Installation:
- E. 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.
- F. Exposed Work Installation:

1. 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.
3. Install horizontal runs close to ceiling or beams and secure with conduit straps.
4. Support horizontal or vertical runs at not over 2400 mm (96 inches) intervals.
5. Surface Metal Raceways: Use only where shown on drawings.
6. 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.

G. Expansion Joints:

1. 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.
2. 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.

H. Conduit Supports, Installation:

1. Select AC193 code listed mechanical anchors or fastening devices with safe working load not to exceed 1/4 of proof test load.
2. 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:
 - 1) 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).
 - 3) 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.
8. Bolts supported only by plaster or gypsum wallboard are not acceptable.
9. 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.
11. 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.
 2. In addition to boxes shown, install additional boxes where needed to prevent damage to cables during pulling.

3. 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 supports from building structure for horizontal runs at intervals not to exceed 900 mm (3 feet) and at each end.
 2. Install supports from building structure for vertical runs at intervals not to exceed 1.2 m (4 feet) and at each side of joints.
 3. Install only in accessible spaces not subject to physical damage or corrosive influences.
 4. Make bends manually to assure internal diameter of tubing is not effectively reduced.
 5. 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.
- C. Perform simple continuity test after cable installation.

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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 the VA Medical Center.
- B. The Horizontal Cabling System described by this document is based on the installation of Category 6, 4-Pair Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP) for Voice and Data. Cables are to be installed from Standard Information Outlet to the Telecommunications Room Serving that area.
- C. The drawings show the locations and types of telecommunications outlets to be installed, each identified by a unique icon.
- D. The contractor is responsible for proposing an integrated design with all cable and termination components working together as a system. Where performance specifications are noted it is intended that these parameters reflect Channel performance including cable, termination hardware and Patch cords.
- E. The contractor is responsible for all cabling and terminations in all locations shown on the contract drawings. As well as installation of accessories, wire wrap, cabling, jacks and faceplates in the owner provided systems furniture and storage shelving as indicated on the contract drawings.
- F. The term "provide", as used herein, shall be defined as: designed, engineered, furnished, installed, certified, and tested, by the Contractor.

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 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in text by basic designation only. Except for a specific date given the issue in effect (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) on the date the system's submittal is technically approved by the VA, shall be enforced.

B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70	NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC)
75	Protection of Electronic Computer/Data Processing Equipment
77	Recommended Practice on Static Electricity
	Standard for Health Care Facilities
101	Life Safety Code
1221	Emergency Services Communication Systems

C. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

65	Wired Cabinets
96	Lightning Protection Components
96A	INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LIGHTNING PROTECTION SYSTEMS
467	Grounding and Bonding Equipment
497/497A/497B	PROTECTORS FOR PAIRED CONDUCTORS/ COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS/DATA COMMUNICATIONS AND FIRE ALARM CIRCUITS
884	Underfloor Raceways and Fittings

D. ANSI/EIA/TIA Publications:

568C	Commercial Building Telecommunications Wiring Standard
569B	Commercial Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces
606A	ADMINISTRATION STANDARD FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
607B	Grounding and Bonding Requirements for Telecommunications in Commercial Buildings
758	Grounding and Bonding Requirements for Telecommunications in Commercial Buildings

- E. International Telecommunication Union - Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T).
- F. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Publications: Standards for telephone equipment and systems.
- G. United States Air Force: Technical Order 33K-1-100 Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Interval Reference Guide.
- H. Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organization (JCAHO): Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals.
- I. National and/or Government Life Safety Code(s): The more stringent of each listed code.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. In addition to requirements of Section 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS provide:
 - 1. Pictorial layout drawing of each 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:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. Pre-acceptance Certification: Submit in accordance with test procedures.
 - 3. Test system cables and certify to COR before proof of performance testing can be conducted. Identify each cable as labeled on as-installed drawings.
 - 4. 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.
- D. The contractor/vendor must have BICSI (Building Industry Consulting Service International, Inc.) Registered Installers and Technicians on staff and assign them to this project. The project shall be staffed at all times by Installers and Technicians who are BICSI Certified. All

personnel shall be BICSI Registered Telecommunications Installers. Of that, 25 percent shall be registered at the Technician level. A copy of their registrations must be submitted prior to installation of any equipment.

1.5 WARRANTY

- A. Work subject to terms of Article "Warranty of Construction," FAR clause 52.246-21.
- B. The System Contractor shall submit certified documentation that they have been an authorized distributor and service organization for the OEM for a minimum of three (3) years. The System Contractor shall be authorized by the OEM to certify and warranty the installed equipment. In addition, the OEM and System Contractor shall accept complete responsibility for the design, installation, certification, operation, and physical support for the System. This documentation, along with the System Contractor and OEM certification must be provided in writing as part of the Contractor's Technical Submittal.
- C. All equipment, cabling, terminating hardware, TCOs, and patch cords shall be sourced from the certifying OEM or at the OEM's direction, and support the System design, the OEM's quality control and validity of the OEM's warranty.
- D. The Contractor shall warranty the cable system for a period of Five (5) years on materials, workmanship and installation, including all parts, components and subsystems proposed. The warranty shall commence upon satisfactory completion of all work, including test and documentation, relating to major system components. Provide documentation to the VA upon completion of the project for the five (5) year warranty.
- E. The contractor shall obtain and provide to the VA a minimum of a (20) year the manufacturer's warranty to include materials, workmanship and installation, including all parts, components and subsystems proposed. The warranty shall commence upon satisfactory completion of all work, including test and documentation, relating to major system components. Provide documentation to the VA upon completion of the project for the (20) year warranty.
- F. Any cable or hardware that proves defective, inoperable or incorrectly installed that must be replaced, modified or repaired to meet test criteria shall be performed by the Contractor at no additional costs to the VA. The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment and materials necessary to effect warranty repairs or to the proposed system

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 PERFORMANCE AND DESIGN CRITERIA**

- A. Provide complete system including "punch down" and cross-connector blocks voice and data distribution sub-systems, and associated hardware including telecommunications outlets (TCO); copper distribution cables, connectors, "patch" cables, "break out" devices.
- B. Industry Standards:
 - 1. Cable distribution systems provided under this section are connected to systems identified as critical care performing life support functions.
 - 2. 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.
 - 4. 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.
 - 6. The System cables shall be fully protected and physically supported by cable duct, trays, wire ways, J-hooks, conduit (rigid, thin wall, or flex), and when specifically approved, flexible innerduct. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to confirm all contract drawings and the Facility's physical layout to determine the necessary cable protective devices to be provided. If flexible innerduct is used, it shall be installed in the same manner as conduit.
 - 7. Cable provided in the system (i.e. backbone, inside plant, and station cabling) shall conform to accepted industry and OEM standards with regards to size, color code, and insulation. The pair

- twists of any pair shall not be exactly the same as any other pair within any unit or sub-unit of cables that are bundled in twenty-five (25) pairs or less. The absence of specifications regarding details shall imply that best general industry practices shall prevail and that first quality material and workmanship shall be provided. Certification Standards, (i.e., EIA, CCITT, FIPPS, and NFPA) shall prevail.
- C. System Performance: Provide complete system to meet or exceed TIA Category 6 or on a case by case basis Category 6A for specialized powered systems requirements.
 - D. Provide continuous intra-facility voice, data, and analog service.
 - 1. Provide voice and data cable distribution system based on a physical "Star" topology.
 - 2. Provide separate cable distribution system for emergency, safety and protection systems (i.e. emergency bypass phones; police emergency voice communications from parking lots and stairwells personal protection, duress alarms and annunciation systems; etc.)
 - 3. Contact SMCS 0050P2H3 (202-462-5310) for specific technical assistance and approvals.
 - E. Specific Subsystem Requirements: Provide products necessary for a complete and functional voice, data, analog and video communications cabling system, including backbone cabling system, patch panels and cross-connections, 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.

2.2 EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- A. Cable Systems - Twisted Pair, Coaxial and Analog:
 - 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 in the Hospital 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.
2. Telecommunications Rooms (TR):
- a. The existing Telecommunication room on the floor shall be utilized for this installation. Refer to project drawings for location of the existing TR. Coordinate horizontal cabling termination locations in the existing data racks with the VA Project Manager.
 - b. In TR's served with UTP, fiber optic, coaxial and analog backbone cables, terminate UTP cable on RJ-45, 8-pin connectors of separate 48-port modular patch panels, 110A or equivalent type punch down blocks that are dedicated to voice and data applications.
 - c. Provide connecting cables required to extend backbone cables (i.e. patch cords, twenty-five pair, etc.), to ensure complete and operational distribution systems.
 - d. In TR's, which are only served by a UTP backbone cable, terminate cable on separate modular connecting devices, Type 110A punch down blocks (or equivalent), dedicated to data applications.
 - e. Terminate horizontal copper cables on appropriate cross-connection systems (CCS) containing patch panels, punch blocks, and breakout devices 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.
 - f. 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).
3. Backbone Copper Cables:
- a. Existing Copper backbone cables, panels and 110 hardware shall be utilized for this installation.
4. Backbone Optical Fiber Cables:

- a. Existing Optical Fiber backbone cables, shelves and terminations shall be utilized for this installation.
- 5. Horizontal Cable: Installed from TCO jack to the TR patch panel.
 - a. Tested to ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 Category 6 requirements including NEXT, ELNEXT (Pair-to-Pair and Power Sum), Insertion Loss (attenuation), Return Loss, and Delay Skew.
 - b. Minimum Transmission Parameters: 250 MHz.
 - c. All Voice and Data cables and all associated Termination Components shall be selected from distributor stock that is independently verified for performance. The manufacturer shall be Panduit TX6000 Cat 6 UTP Cable, to match existing hospital systems.
 - d. All Cables shall meet a CMR (Riser) rating and shall be suitable for installation in "free-air" in building risers, above non-plenum drop ceilings, in cable tray or in duct.
 - e. Voice Cable jacket color shall be Green and Data Cable jacket color shall be Yellow. Any variance from this shall not be done without written approval from the VA Project Manager.
 - f. Terminate all four pairs on same port at patch panel in TR.
 - g. Terminate all four pairs on same jack, at work area Telecommunication Outlet.
 - h. Horizontal cable length to farthest system outlet to be maximum of 90 m (295 ft).
 - i. Splitting of pairs within a cable between different jacks is not permitted.
- 6. Telecommunication Outlets (TCO):
 - a. Jacks shall be eight-pin RJ-45 ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 Category 6 Type jacks at TCO.
 - b. All Jacks are to be pinned per T568A wiring configuration with the pairing as follows:
 - Pair 1 - Pins 5&4
 - Pair 2 - Pins 3&6
 - Pair 3 - Pins 1&2
 - Pair 4 - Pins 7&8

Panduit model number CJ688TGXX shall be used where XX=color.
 - c. Voice and Data Jack positions shall be distinguished by color and symbol. Voice and Data jacks are to be identified using a color

coded insert which also incorporates an icon indicating the application. Jack positions are to be identified as follows:

- a) Voice - Green "Telephone" Icon
- b) Data - Yellow "PC" Icon
- c) Patient Monitor - Orange "PC" Icon
- d. The Telecommunications Outlet shall consist of a mounting frame designed for use with a minimum of four (4) modular jacks. Voice and Data jack assemblies shall snap in to the mounting frame at a 45 degree downward angle. Any unused jack positions will be fitted with a removable blank cover. Color of the frame and snap-in assemblies or covers shall be Ivory.
- e. All voice and data jacks shall be selected from distributor stock that is independently verified for performance. The manufacturer shall be The Panduit Corporation, to match existing hospital systems.
- f. Voice and Data Cables shall each be terminated at the outlet in an eight-pin modular Jack. The installer shall insure that the twists are preserved to within 1/2" of the termination.
- g. The interface between the jack and the station cable shall be an IDC type connection.
- h. Voice and Data Faceplates should have an "angled shroud" design, with a downward angle of approximately 45 degrees. Panduit model number CFPSL4E1Y
- i. Refer to project drawings for location and quantity of category 6 TCO locations.
- 7. Telecommunication Room Patch Panels:
 - a. The panels must provide strain relief for the incoming station cables. Panduit model number SRBCT.
 - b. Panels shall be designed and installed in a fashion as to allow future station cabling to be terminated on the panel without disruption to existing connections.
 - c. Voice and data shall be terminated in order on the same patch panels. Provide separate dedicated patch panels for:
 - 1) The combination of Voice and data station cabling.
 - 2) Wireless Access Point workstations
 - 3) Patient monitor workstations
 - d. Provide enough patch panel ports for all station cables plus 20% growth.

- e. At the Telecommunication Room, each 4-pair UTP Cable shall be terminated on a 19" rack mountable angled modular jack patch panel. The patch panels shall be selected from distributor stock that is independently verified for performance. The manufacturer shall be The Panduit Corporation.
- f. The interface between the voice and data cable and the patch panels shall be an 8-pin modular jack and shall be IDC type connections. Jacks mounted in patch panels shall be designed to maintain the cable pair twists as closely as possible to the point of mechanical termination. The installer shall insure that the twists are preserved to within 1/2" of the termination. Data Patch Panel shall be Panduit model number CPPLA48WBLY.

B. Cross-Connect Systems(CCS):

1. Patch Cords:

- a. The Contractor shall not "cross-connect" the copper or fiber optic cabling systems and subsystems even though appropriate "patch" cords are to be provided for each "patch", "punch", or "breakout" panel. In addition, the Contractor shall not provide active electronic distribution or interface equipment as a part of the System.
- b. Patch cables shall be provided by the contractor. The contractor shall supply the patch cords in the length and color dictated by the VA. If no length is dictated by the VA the patch cords shall be provided as follows; Ten(10) feet at the work station and Five(5) and Seven(7) Feet at the Patch Panel in the Telecommunications Room.
- c. All patch cords shall be selected from distributor stock that has been independently verified for performance. The manufacturer shall be The Panduit Corporation.
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2. Copper Cables: Provide copper CCS sized to connect cables at TR and allow for a minimum of 20 percent anticipated growth.

3. Maximum DC Resistance per Cable Pair: 28.6 Ohms per 305 m (1,000 feet).

C. Voice (or Telephone) Cable Cross-Connection Subsystem:

- 1. Provide Insulation Displacement Connection (IDC) hardware.

2. Provide the following for each Category 6 (or on a case by case basis Category 6A for specialized powered systems technically accepted by SMCS 0050P2H3, (202) 461-5310, OI&T and FMS Services and COR) Cabling System termination; cross-connection wires, RJ-45 patch cord connector to RJ-45 patch cord connector.
 - a. Provide terminations to be accessible without need for disassembly of IDC wafer. Provide IDC wafers removable from their mounts to facilitate testing on either side of connector.
 - b. Provide removable designation strips or labels to allow for inspection of terminations.
 - c. Provide cable management system as a part of IDC.
 3. Provide IDC connectors capable of re-terminations, without damage, a minimum of 200 IDC insertions or withdrawals on either side of connector panel.
 4. Install using only non-impact terminating tool having both a tactile and an audible feedback to indicate proper termination.
 5. Provide inputs from PBX, FTS, Local Voice (Telephone) System, or diverse routed voice distribution systems on left side of IDC (110A blocks with RJ45 connections are acceptable alternates to IDC) of M CCS.
 6. Provide system outputs from M CCS to voice backbone cable distribution system on the right side of same IDC (or 110A blocks) of M CCS.
 7. Do not split pairs within cables between different jacks or connections.
 8. Provide UTP cross connect wire to connect each pair of terminals plus an additional 50 percent spare.
- D. Data Cross-Connection Subsystems:
1. 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 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 backbone cable connections on bottom row of jacks of same patch panel.

- c. 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. Backbone Distribution Cables:

- a. Existing Category 3 copper backbone shall be utilized for all voice cross-connections to the existing PBX and existing analog and digital phone lines.

F. Data Multi-Conductor:

1. Unshielded UTP cable with solid conductors.
2. Able to handle the power and voltage used over the distance required.
3. Meets TIA transmission performance requirements of Category 6.
4. Technical Characteristics:
 - a. 23 AWG cable
 - b. Bend Radius: 10 times cable outside diameter.
 - c. Impedance: 100 Ohms + 15%, BAL.
 - d. Bandwidth: 250 MHz.
 - e. DC Resistance: Maximum 9.38 Ohms/100m (328 ft.) at 20 degrees C.
 - 1) Maximum Mutual Capacitance: 5.6 nF per 100 m (328 ft.).
 - 2) Maximum attenuation for 100m (328 ft.) at 20° C:

Frequency (MHz)	Category 6 (dB)
1	2.0
4	3.8
8	5.3
10	6.0
16	7.6
20	8.5
25	9.5
31.25	10.7
62.5	15.4
100	19.8
200	29.0

Frequency (MHz)	Category 6 (dB)
250	32.8

G. Singlemode and Multimode Optical Fiber:

1. Existing optical fiber shall be utilized for this project.

H. Outlet Connection Cables:

1. Voice (Telephone):

- a. Provide a connection cable for each TCO voice (telephone) jack in system with 10 percent spares able to connect voice (telephone) connection cable from voice (telephone) instrument to TCO voice (telephone) jack. Do not provide voice (telephone) instruments or equipment.

- b. Technical Characteristics:

- 1) Length: Minimum 1.8 m (6 feet).
- 2) Cable: Voice Grade.
- 3) Connector: RJ-11/45 compatible male on each end.
- 4) Size: Minimum 24 AWG.
- 5) Color Coding: Required, telephone industry standard.

2. 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: Data grade Category 5E or on a case-by-case basis Category 6 for specialized powered systems accepted by SMCS 0050P2H3 (202) 461-5310, IT and FMS Services and COR.
- 3) Connector: RJ-45 male on each end.
- 4) Color Coding: Required, data industry standard.
- 5) Size: Minimum 24 AWG.

I. System Connectors:

1. Modular (RJ-45/11 and RJ-45): Provide voice and 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.
 - b) RJ-11/45: Compatible with RJ-45.
- 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 μ A.
- 6) Connections:
 - a) Initial contact resistance: Maximum 20 milli-Ohms.
 - 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.

J. Conduit and Signal Ducts:

1. Conduit:
 - a. 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.
2. 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.
- 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:
 1. 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.

2. A minimum of 3ft. slack loop will be provided above each workstation outlet location.
3. A minimum of 8ft. of slack will be provided and dressed in the Telecommunications Closet to provide the necessary cable for future modification to the room or relocation.
4. All Wireless Access Point (WAP) workstations as indicated on the project drawings will have a 15ft. slack loop provided to allow easy relocation of WAP equipment if needed.
5. All cabling will be dressed in neatly formed bundles within the Telecommunications Closet. These bundles will be secured using Velcro Tie Straps to allow for ease of cable additions in the future. Tie wraps will not be allowed.

D. Outlet Boxes, Back Boxes, and Faceplates:

1. Outlet Boxes: Signal, power, interface, connection, distribution, and junction boxes shall be provided as required by the system design, on-site inspection, and review of the contract drawings.
2. Back Boxes: Back boxes shall be provided as directed by the OEM as required by the approved system design, on-site inspection, and review of the contract drawings.
3. Face Plates (or Cover Plates): Faceplates shall be of a standard type, stainless steel, anodized aluminum or UL approved cyclac plastic construction and provided by the Contractor for each identified system outlet location. Connectors and jacks appearing on the faceplate shall be clearly and permanently marked.

E. Grounding:

1. General: The Contractor shall ground all Contractor Installed Equipment and identified Government Furnished Equipment to eliminate all shock hazards and to minimize, to the maximum extent possible, all ground loops, common mode returns, noise pickup, crosstalk, etc. The total ground resistance shall be 0.1 Ohm or less.
2. Under no conditions shall the AC neutral, either in a power panel or in a receptacle outlet, be used for system control, subcarrier or audio reference ground.
3. The use of conduit, signal duct or cable trays as system or electrical ground is not acceptable and will not be permitted. These

items may be used only for the dissipation of internally generated static charges (not to be confused with externally generated lightning) that may applied or generated outside the mechanical and/or physical confines of the System to earth ground. The discovery of improper system grounding shall be grounds to declare the System unacceptable and the termination of all system acceptance testing.

F. Labeling:

1. Industry Standard: Provide labeling in accordance with ANSI/TIA-606-B.
2. Print lettering of labels with laser printers; handwritten labels are not acceptable.
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:

1. 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 T568A 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.
8. Do not proceed with installation until COR determines if an additional inspection is required. In either case, re-inspection 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.
2. Verify during system pretest, utilizing the accepted equipment, that system is fully operational and meets system performance requirements of this section.
3. Provide COR four copies of recorded system pretest measurements and the written certification that system is ready for formal acceptance test.

C. Acceptance Test:

1. 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:

1. 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.

E. Performance Testing:

1. Perform Category 6 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. The Contractor is responsible for furnishing all test equipment required to test the system in accordance with the parameters specified. Unless otherwise stated, the test equipment shall not be considered part of the system. The Contractor shall furnish test equipment of accuracy better than the parameters to be tested.
 3. The test equipment furnished by the Contractor shall have a calibration tag of an acceptable calibration service dated not more than 12 months prior to the test. As part of the submittal, a test equipment list shall be furnished that includes the make and model number of the following type of equipment as a minimum:
 - a. Fluke DTX 1800 or equivalent cable analyzer
 - b. Signal Level Meter.
 - c. Volt-Ohm Meter.
 - d. Time Domain Reflectometer (TDR) with strip chart recorder (Data and Optical Measuring).
- F. Total System Acceptance Test: Perform verification tests for UTP copper cabling systems after complete telecommunication distribution system and workstation outlet are installed.

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