

Requests For Information (A00002)

**Contractor:** Can you give us specific transformers (nameplate information) that you would like the existing to be replaced with? The existing transformers did not have any nameplates on them.

**Government:** Reference attached specifications.

**Contractor:** Can you provide the high voltage switch that feeds the 2 transformers?

**Government:** When the time comes to replace the transformers, the VA Electrical Shop will shut down the power to each transformer.

**Contractor:** Is there any specs for this project?

**Government:** See response to Question #1

**Contractor:** Is there a spec on the oil to be used for the new transformers?

**Government:** See response to Question #1

**Contractor:** Can new transformers be delivered onsite in advance of installation?

**Government:** No – Plan on scheduling the delivery for the day of installation.

**Contractor:** Will VA Maintenance perform shutdown and startup of the equipment that the transformers will feed?

**Government:** The VA Electric Shop will shut down the power to each transformer to allow the replacement work to occur. Note, only one (1) transformer will be shut down and replaced at a single time. Upon completion, the VA Electric shop will re-energize the power, allowing the contractor to perform their testing and certification required for acceptance.

**Contractor:** Do you need a bid bond for this project?

**Government:** Please refer to solicitation document.

**Contractor:** Also only email bid submission is acceptable?

**Government:** Contractors may email, mail, or hand deliver proposal, however, the proposals are due 08-10-2016 at 10:00 a.m. (local).

**Contractor:** There are no specifications on the existing transformers. Statement of work states “Compare equipment nameplate data with **specifications** and approved shop drawings.” Please provide specs.

**Government:** See response to Question #1

**SECTION 26 12 19**  
**PAD-MOUNTED, LIQUID-FILLED, MEDIUM-VOLTAGE TRANSFORMERS**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation, connection, and testing of the pad-mounted, liquid-filled, medium-voltage transformers, indicated as transformers in this section.

**1.2 FACTORY TESTS**

- A. Transformers shall be thoroughly tested at the factory to ensure that there are no electrical or mechanical defects. Tests shall be conducted as per IEEE Standards. Factory tests shall be certified. The following tests shall be performed:
1. Perform insulation-resistance tests, winding-to-winding and each winding-to-ground.
  2. Perform turns-ratio tests at all tap positions.
- B. Furnish four (4) copies of certified manufacturer's factory test reports to the COR prior to shipment of the transformers to ensure that the transformers have been successfully tested as specified.

**1.3 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit electronic copies of the following:
1. Shop Drawings:
    - a. Submit sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with drawings and specifications.
    - b. Include electrical ratings, nameplate data, impedance, outline drawing with dimensions and front, top, and side views, weight, mounting details, decibel rating, termination information, temperature rise, no-load and full-load losses, regulation, overcurrent protection, connection diagrams, and accessories.
    - c. Complete nameplate data, including manufacturer's name and catalog number.
    - d. Certification from the manufacturer that representative transformers 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. When submitting the shop drawings, submit companion copies of complete maintenance and operating manuals, including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering replacement parts.
      - 1) Identify terminals on wiring diagrams to facilitate installation, maintenance, and operation.

- 2) Indicate on wiring diagrams the internal wiring for each piece of equipment and interconnections between the pieces of equipment.
  - 3) Approvals will be based on complete submissions of manuals, together with shop drawings.
- 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.
- 1) Update the manual to include any information necessitated by shop drawing approval.
  - 2) Show all terminal identification.
  - 3) Include information for testing, repair, troubleshooting, assembly, disassembly, and recommended maintenance intervals.
  - 4) Provide a replacement parts list with current prices. Include a list of recommended spare parts, tools, and instruments for testing and maintenance purposes.
- B. Certifications:
1. Two weeks prior to the final inspection, submit the following certifications.
    - a. Certification by the manufacturer that the transformers conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
    - b. Certification by the Contractor that the transformers have been properly installed, connected, and tested.

#### **1.4 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):
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| C37.47-00 .....   | High Voltage Current-Limiting Type Distribution Class<br>Fuses and Fuse Disconnecting Switches   |
| C57.12.00-00..... | Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power and Regulating<br>Transformers   |
| C57.12.25-90..... | Pad-Mounted, Compartmental-Type, Self-Cooled, Single-<br>Phase Distribution-Transformers with Separable Insulated<br>High Voltage Connectors; High Voltage, 34500 Grd<br>Y/19920 Volts and Below; Low-Voltage 240/120 Volts; 167<br>kVA and Smaller Requirements |

- C57.12.26-92..... Pad-Mounted, Compartmental-Type, Self-Cooled,  
Three-Phase Distribution Transformers for Use with  
Separable Insulated High-Voltage Connectors (34500 Grd  
Y/19920 V and Below, 2500 kVA and Smaller)
- C57.12.28-05..... Pad-Mounted Equipment - Enclosure Integrity
- C57.12.29-05..... Pad-Mounted Equipment – Enclosure Integrity for Coastal  
Environments
- C57.12.34-10..... Pad-Mounted, Compartmental-Type, Self-Cooled, Three-  
Phase Distribution Transformers, 5 MVA and Smaller; High  
Voltage, 34.5 kV Nominal System Voltage and Below; Low  
Voltage, 15kV Nominal System Voltage and Below
- C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - D3487-08 ..... Standard Specification for Mineral Insulating Oil Used in  
Electrical Apparatus
- D. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE):
  - C2-07 ..... National Electrical Safety Code
  - C57.12.10-11..... Liquid-Immersed Power Transformers
  - C57.12.90-10..... Test Code for Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power, and  
Regulating Transformers
  - C62.11-06 ..... Metal-Oxide Surge Arresters for AC Power Circuits
  - 48-09 ..... Test Procedures and Requirements for Alternating-Current  
Cable Terminations Used on Shielded Cables Having  
Laminated Insulation Rated 2.5kV Through 765kV or  
Extruded Insulation Rated 2.5kV Through 500kV
  - 386-06 ..... Separable Insulated Connector Systems for Power  
Distribution Systems Above 600 V
  - 592-07 ..... Exposed Semiconducting Shields on High-Voltage Cable  
Joints and Separable Connectors
- E. International Code Council (ICC):
  - IBC-12 ..... International Building Code
- F. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
  - LA 1-09..... Surge Arresters
  - TP 1-02 ..... Guide for Determining Energy Efficiency for Distribution  
Transformers

TR 1-00 ..... Transformers, Regulators, and Reactors

G. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70-14 ..... National Electrical Code (NEC)

H. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL):

467-07 ..... Grounding and Bonding Equipment

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Transformers shall be in accordance with ANSI, ASTM, IEEE, NEMA, NFPA, UL, as shown on the drawings, and as specified herein. Each transformer shall be assembled as an integral unit by a single manufacturer.
- B. Transformers shall be complete, outdoor type, continuous duty, integral assembly, grounded, tamper-resistant, and with liquid-immersed windings.
- C. Ratings shall not be less than shown on the drawings.
- D. Completely fabricate transformers at the factory so that only the external cable connections are required at the project site.
- E. Thoroughly clean, phosphatize, and finish all the metal surfaces at the factory with a rust-resistant primer and dark green enamel finish coat. All surfaces of the transformer that will be in contact with the concrete pad shall be treated with corrosion-resistant compounds and epoxy resin or a rubberized sealing compound.

### **2.2 COMPARTMENTS**

- A. Construction:
  - 1. Enclosures shall be weatherproof and in accordance with ANSI C57.12.28.
  - 2. The medium- and low-voltage compartments shall be separated with a steel barrier that extends the full height and depth of the compartments.
  - 3. The compartments shall be constructed of sheet steel (gauge to meet ANSI requirements) with bracing and with reinforcing gussets using jig welds to assure rectangular rigidity.
  - 4. All bolts, nuts, and washers shall be zinc-plated steel.
  - 5. Sufficient space shall be provided for equipment, cabling, and terminations within the compartments.
  - 6. Affix transformer nameplate permanently within the low-voltage compartment. Voltage and kVA rating, connection configuration, impedance, date of manufacture, and serial number shall be shown on the nameplate.
- B. Doors:
  - 1. Provide a separate door for each compartment with provisions for a single padlock to secure all doors. Provide each compartment door with open-position doorstops and corrosion-resistant tamperproof hinges welded in place. The medium-voltage compartment door shall be mechanically prevented from opening unless the low-voltage compartment door is open.

2. The secondary compartment door shall have a one-piece steel handle and incorporate three-point locking mechanisms.

### **2.3 BIL RATING**

- A. 15 kV class equipment shall have a minimum 95 kV BIL rating.

### **2.4 TRANSFORMER FUSE ASSEMBLY**

- A. The primary fuse assembly shall be a combination of externally replaceable Bay-O-Net liquid-immersed fuses in series with liquid-immersed current-limiting fuses.

### **2.5 PRIMARY CONNECTIONS**

- A. Primary connections shall be 200 A dead-front loadbreak wells and inserts for cable sizes shown on the drawings.
- B. Surge Arresters: Distribution class, one for each primary phase, complying with IEEE C62.11 and NEMA LA 1, supported from tank wall.

### **2.6 MEDIUM-VOLTAGE SWITCH**

- A. The transformer primary disconnect switch shall be an oil-immersed, internal, gang-operated, load-interrupter type, rated at ampacity and system voltage as shown on the drawings, with a minimum momentary withstand rating of not less than the calculated available fault current shown on the drawings.
- B. For loop feeds, switch shall be a four-position, V-blade manual switch located in the medium-voltage compartment and hot-stick-operated.

### **2.7 MEDIUM-VOLTAGE TERMINATIONS**

- A. Terminate the medium-voltage cables in the primary compartment with 200 A loadbreak premolded rubber elbow connectors, suitable for submersible applications. Elbow connectors shall have a semi-conductive shield material covering the housing. The separable connector system shall include the loadbreak elbow, the bushing insert, and the bushing well. Separable connectors shall comply with the requirements of IEEE 386, and shall be interchangeable between suppliers. Allow sufficient slack in medium-voltage cable, ground, and drain wires to permit elbow connectors to be moved to their respective parking stands.
- B. Ground metallic cable shield with a cable shield grounding adapter, consisting of a solderless connector enclosed in watertight rubber housing covering the entire assembly, bleeder wire, and ground braid.

### **2.8 LOW-VOLTAGE EQUIPMENT**

- A. Mount the low-voltage bushings, and hot stick in the low-voltage compartment.
- B. The low-voltage leads shall be brought out of the tank by epoxy pressure tight bushings, and shall be standard arrangement.
- C. Tin-plate the low-voltage neutral terminal and isolate from the transformer tank. Provide a removable ground strap sized in accordance with the NEC and connect between the secondary neutral and ground pad.

## 2.9 TRANSFORMERS

- A. Transformer ratings shall be as shown on drawings. kVA ratings shown on the drawings are for continuous duty without the use of cooling fans.
- B. Temperature rises shall not exceed the NEMA TR 1 standards of 65° C (149° F) by resistance.
- C. Transformer insulating material shall be less flammable, edible-seed-oil based, and UL listed as complying with NFPA 70 requirements for fire point of not less than 300° C (600° F) when tested according to ASTM D 92. Liquid shall be biodegradable and nontoxic.
- D. Transformer impedance shall be not less than 4-1/2% for sizes 150 kVA and larger.
- E. Sound levels shall conform to NEMA TR 1 standards.
- F. Primary and Secondary Windings for Three-Phase Transformers:
  - 1. Primary windings shall be delta-connected.
  - 2. Secondary windings shall be wye-connected, except where otherwise indicated on the drawings. Provide isolated neutral bushings for secondary wye-connected transformers.
  - 3. Secondary leads shall be brought out through pressure-tight epoxy bushings.
- G. Primary windings shall have four 2-1/2% full-capacity voltage taps; two taps above and two taps below rated voltage.
- H. Core and Coil Assemblies:
  - 1. Cores shall be grain-oriented, non-aging, silicon steel to minimize losses.
  - 2. Core and coil assemblies shall be rigidly braced to withstand the stresses caused by rough handling during shipment, and stresses caused by any possible short-circuit currents.
  - 3. Coils shall be continuous-winding type without splices except for taps. Material shall be copper.
  - 4. Coil and core losses shall be optimum for efficient operation.
  - 5. Primary, secondary, and tap connections shall be brazed or pressure type.
  - 6. Provide end fillers or tiedowns for coil windings.
- I. The transformer tank, cover, and radiator gauge thickness shall not be less than that required by ANSI.
- J. Accessories:
  - 1. Provide standard NEMA features, accessories, and the following:
    - a. No-load tap changer. Provide warning sign.
    - b. Lifting, pulling, and jacking facilities.
    - c. Globe-type valve for oil filtering and draining, including sampling device.
    - d. Pressure relief valve.
    - e. Liquid level gauge and filling plug.
    - f. A grounding pad in the medium- and low-voltage compartments.
    - g. A diagrammatic nameplate.
    - h. Dial-type liquid thermometer with a maximum reading pointer and an external reset.

- i. Hot stick. Securely fasten hot stick within low-voltage compartment.
- 2. The accessories shall be made accessible within the compartments without disassembling trims and covers.
- K. Transformers shall meet the minimum energy efficiency values per NEMA TP 1:

KVA	(%)
75	98.7
112.5	98.8
150	98.9
225	99.0
300	99.0
500	99.1
750	99.2
1000	99.2
1500	99.3
2000	99.4
2500	99.4

## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Install the new replacement transformers in the same location as the existing transformers, in accordance with the NEC, and as recommended by the manufacturer.
- B. Anchor transformers 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, transformers shall be adequately anchored and braced per details on structural contract drawings to withstand the seismic forces at the location where installed.
- D. Mount transformers on the existing concrete slab.
- E. Grounding:
  - 1. Ground each transformer in accordance with the requirements of the NEC, to maintain a maximum resistance of 5 ohms to ground.
  - 2. Connect the ground rod to the ground pads in the medium- and low-voltage compartments.
  - 3. Install and connect the cable shield grounding adapter per the manufacturer's instructions. Connect the bleeder wire of the cable shield grounding adapter to the loadbreak or deadbreak elbow grounding point with minimum No. 14 AWG wire, and connect the ground braid to the grounding system with minimum No. 6 AWG bare copper wire. Use soldered or mechanical grounding connectors listed for this purpose.



### **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 and mechanical condition. Check for damaged or cracked bushings and liquid leaks.
    - c. Verify that control and alarm settings on temperature indicators are as specified.
    - d. Inspect all field-installed bolted electrical connections, using the calibrated torque-wrench method to verify tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections, and perform thermographic survey after energization under load.
    - e. Vacuum-clean transformer interior. Clean transformer enclosure exterior.
    - f. Verify correct liquid level in transformer tank.
    - g. Verify correct equipment grounding per the requirements of Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
    - h. Verify the presence and connection of transformer surge arresters, if provided.
    - i. Verify that the tap-changer is set at rated system voltage.

### **3.3 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION**

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

### **3.4 SPARE PARTS**

- A. Deliver the following spare parts for the project to the COR two weeks prior to final inspection:
  - 1. Six insulated protective caps.
  - 2. One spare set of medium-voltage fuses for each size and type of fuse used in the project.

### **3.5 INSTRUCTION**

- A. The Contractor shall instruct maintenance personnel, for not less than one 2-hour period, on the maintenance and operation of the equipment on the date requested by the COR.