

SECTION 27 05 11
REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This Section, Requirements for Communications Installations, applies to all sections of Division 27.
- B. Furnish and install communications cabling, systems, equipment, and accessories in accordance with the specifications and drawings. Capacities and ratings of, cable, and other items and arrangements for the specified items are shown on drawings.

1.2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- A. References to industry and trade association standards and codes are minimum installation requirement standards.
- B. Drawings and other specification sections shall govern in those instances where requirements are greater than those specified in the above standards.

1.3 QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES)

- A. 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.
- B. Product Qualification:
 - 1. 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.

1.4 MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

- 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.
 - 2. 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.
 - 4. 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:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. 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.
 - 3. 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.

1.5 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Where variations from the contract requirements are requested in accordance with the GENERAL CONDITIONS and Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES, 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.

1.6 EQUIPMENT PROTECTION

- A. Equipment and materials shall be protected during shipment and storage against physical damage, dirt, moisture, cold and rain:
 - 1. During installation, enclosures, equipment, controls, controllers, circuit protective devices, and other like items, shall be protected

- against entry of foreign matter; and be vacuum cleaned both inside and outside before testing and operating and repainting if required.
2. Damaged equipment shall be, as determined by the COR, placed in first class operating condition or be returned to the source of supply for repair or replacement.
 3. Painted surfaces shall be protected with factory installed removable heavy kraft paper, sheet vinyl or equal.
 4. Damaged paint on equipment and materials shall be refinished with the same quality of paint and workmanship as used by the manufacturer so repaired areas are not obvious.

1.7 WORK PERFORMANCE

- A. Job site safety and worker safety is the responsibility of the contractor.
- B. For work on existing stations, arrange, phase and perform work to assure communications service for other buildings at all times. Refer to Article OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS under Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- C. New work shall be installed and connected to existing work neatly and carefully. Disturbed or damaged work shall be replaced or repaired to its prior conditions, as required by Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- D. Coordinate location of equipment and pathways with other trades to minimize interferences. See the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1.8 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

- A. Equipment location shall be as close as practical to locations shown on the drawings.
- B. Inaccessible Equipment:
 1. Where the Government determines that the Contractor has installed equipment not conveniently accessible for operation and maintenance, the equipment shall be removed and reinstalled as directed at no additional cost to the Government.
 2. "Conveniently accessible" is defined as being capable of being reached 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.

1.9 EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

- A. Install an identification sign which clearly indicates information required for use and maintenance of equipment.
- B. Nameplates shall be laminated black phenolic resin with a white core with engraved lettering, a minimum of 6 mm (1/4 inch) high. Secure nameplates with screws. Nameplates that are furnished by manufacturer as a standard catalog item, or where other method of identification is herein specified, are exceptions.

1.10 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. The Government's approval shall be obtained for all equipment and material before delivery to the job site. Delivery, storage, or installation of equipment or material which has not had prior approval will not be permitted at the job site.
- C. All submittals shall include adequate descriptive literature, catalog cuts, shop drawings, and other data necessary for the Government to ascertain that the proposed equipment and materials comply with specification requirements. Catalog cuts submitted for approval shall be legible and clearly identify 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_____".
 - 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:
 - 1. Information that confirms compliance with contract requirements. Include the manufacturer's name, model or catalog numbers, catalog information, technical data sheets, shop drawings, pictures, nameplate data and test reports as required.
 - 2. Elementary and interconnection wiring diagrams for communication and signal systems, control system and equipment assemblies. All terminal points and wiring shall be identified on wiring diagrams.

3. Parts list which shall include those replacement parts recommended by the equipment manufacturer, quantity of parts, current price and availability of each part.

F. Manuals: Submit in accordance with Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

1. Maintenance and Operation Manuals: Submit as required for systems and equipment specified in the technical sections. Furnish four copies, bound in hardback binders, (manufacturer's standard binders) or an approved equivalent. Furnish one complete manual as specified in the technical section but in no case later than prior to performance of systems or equipment test, and furnish the remaining manuals prior to contract completion.
2. Inscribe the following identification on the cover: the words "MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION MANUAL," the name and location of the system, equipment, building, name of Contractor, and contract 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 system 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 and maintenance instructions.
 - e. Safety precautions.
 - f. Diagrams and illustrations.
 - g. Testing methods.
 - 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 parts, and name of servicing organization.

- j. Appendix; list qualified permanent servicing organizations for support of the equipment, including addresses and certified qualifications.
- G. Approvals will be based on complete submission of manuals together with shop drawings.
- H. After approval and prior to installation, furnish the COR with one sample of each of the following:
 - 1. A 300 mm (12 inch) length of each type and size of wire and cable along with the tag from the coils of reels from which the samples were taken.
 - 2. Each type of conduit and pathway coupling, bushing and termination fitting.
 - 3. Raceway and pathway hangers, clamps and supports.
 - 4. Duct sealing compound.

1.11 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

1.12 TRAINING

- A. Training shall be provided in accordance with Article, INSTRUCTIONS, of Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Training shall be provided for the particular equipment or system as required in each associated specification.
- 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

3.1 PREPERATION

- A. Penetrations and Sleeves:
 - 1. Lay out penetration and sleeve openings in advance, to permit provision in work.
 - 2. Set sleeves in forms before concrete is poured.

3. Set sleeves prior to installation of structure for passage of pipes, conduit, ducts, etc.
 4. 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.
 6. Fill slots, sleeves and other openings in floors or walls if not used.
 - a. 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.
 7. Install sleeves through floors watertight and extend minimum 50.8 mm (2 inches) above floor surface.
 8. 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).
 10. 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.
 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.
 2. Coordinate openings with other trades and utilities, and prevent damage to structural reinforcement.
 3. 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:

1. 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.

b. 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.

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.
- H. Provide access panel or doors where units are concealed behind finished surfaces.
- I. 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:

1. 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.

3.4 CUTTING AND PATCHING

- A. Perform cutting and patching according to contract general requirements and as follows:
 1. 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.
 2. Remove and replace defective work.
 3. 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. Protect adjacent installations during cutting and patching operations.
- D. Protect structure, furnishings, finishes, and adjacent materials not indicated or scheduled to be removed.
- E. Patch finished surfaces and building components using new materials specified for original installation and experienced installers.

3.5 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Provide work according to VAAR 852.236.91 and FAR clause 52.236-5.
- 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.
1. 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 visits that result from project construction or testing deficiencies/incompleteness, incorrect information, or non-compliance with Project provisions.

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SECTION 27 05 33
RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

PART 1 - GENERAL**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. This section specifies conduit, fittings, and boxes to form complete, coordinated, raceway systems. Raceways are required for communications cabling unless shown or specified otherwise.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Sealing around penetrations to maintain integrity of fire rated construction: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- B. Fabrications for deflection of water away from building envelope at penetrations: Section 07 60 00, FLASHING AND SHEET METAL.
- C. Sealing around conduit penetrations through building envelope to prevent moisture migration into building: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- D. Identification and painting of conduit and other devices: Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
- E. 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**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 Intermediate Steel Conduit (IMC): Conform to UL 1242, ANSI C80.6.
 3. Electrical Metallic Tubing (EMT):

- a. Maximum Size: 105 mm (4 inches).
- b. Conform to UL 797, ANSI C80.3.

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.
 - 2) 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.
3. 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. Flexible Nonmetallic Communications Raceway (Innerduct) and Fittings:
- 1. General: Provide UL 910 listed plenum, riser, and general purpose corrugated pliable communications raceway for optical fiber cables

- and communications cable applications; select in accordance with provisions of NEC Articles 770 and 800.
2. 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.
 6. Outside Plant: Plenum-rated where each interduct 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-0 rating for flame spreading limitation.
 9. Provide innerduct reel lengths as necessary to ensure ducts are continuous; one piece runs from ENTR to MH; MH to MH; DEMARC to MCR/TER; TR to TR. Innerduct connectors are not permitted between rooms.
 10. 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.
- G. 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. 2-Gang Tile Box:
 - a. Flush backbox 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
Telecommunications Structured Cabling	27 15 00	Conduit in wall up to accessible ceiling then J-Hooks
Intercommunications and Program systems	27 51 23	Conduit in wall up to accessible ceiling then J-Hooks

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 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.
 - 1) Fill and seal clearances between raceways and openings with fire stop material.
 - 2) 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 Conduit Penetrations:
 - 1) Seal clearances around conduit and make watertight as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS or directed by waterproofing manufacturer.

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 interstitial space 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 pull wire in all empty conduits; sleeves through floor are exceptions.
10. Complete each entire conduit run installation before pulling in cables.
11. Flattened, dented, or deformed conduit is not permitted.
12. Ensure conduit installation does not encroach into ceiling height head room, walkways, or doorways.
13. Cut conduit square with a hacksaw, ream, remove burrs, and draw tight.

14. Install conduit mechanically continuous.
 15. 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).
 16. Support conduit within 300 mm (1 foot) of changes of direction, and within 300 mm (1 foot) of each enclosure to which connected.
 17. Close ends of empty conduit with plugs or caps to prevent entry of debris, until cables are pulled in.
 18. Conduit installations under fume and vent hoods are prohibited.
 19. 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.
 20. Unless otherwise indicated on drawings or specified herein, conceal conduits within finished walls, floors and ceilings.
 21. 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.
 22. 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:
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.
 - 2) 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.

- 1) Conduit outside diameter larger than 1/3 of slab thickness is prohibited.
 - 2) Space between Conduits in Slabs: Approximately six conduit diameters apart, except one conduit diameter at conduit crossings.
 - 3) 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.
- E. Furred or Suspended Ceilings and in Walls:
1. IMC or EMT. 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 EMT.
 - 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. 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 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:
 - 1. 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 19 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS 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 19 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:
 - 1. 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 19 00, GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS - NOT USED

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Contractor's Tests:
 - 1. Scheduled tests required by other sections of Division 27 must be documented in accordance with Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
 - 2. 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:

1. 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 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 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. 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:
1. 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.

1.4 WARRANTY

- A. Work subject to terms of Article "Warranty of Construction," FAR clause 52.246-21.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 SELECTION OF MATERIAL**

- A. All materials selected for use by installation contractor must be approved by VA Telecommunications personnel prior to installation.

2.2 PERFORMANCE AND DESIGN CRITERIA

- A. Provide complete system including "punch down" blocks for voice, data patch panels, and associated hardware including telecommunications outlets (TCO); copper horizontal cables, connectors, faceplates, and outlets.
- 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.
- C. System Performance: Provide complete system to meet or exceed TIA Category 6 requirements.
- D. Coordinate size and type of conduit, pathways and firestopping for maximum 40 percent cable fill with subcontractors.

- E. Terminate all interconnecting twisted pair on patch panels or punch blocks. Terminate unused or spare conductors. Do not leave unused or spare twisted pair wire unterminated, unconnected, loose or unsecured.
- F. 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.
- G. In addition to requirements in Section 27 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATION INSTALLATIONS, provide stainless steel faceplates with plastic covers over labels.

2.3 EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

A. Cable Systems - Twisted Pair:

1. General:

- a. Provide cable (i.e. horizontal cabling) conforming to accepted industry standards with regards to size, color code, and insulation.
- b. All cabling shall be plenum rated.
- 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.
- d. Data cable UTP sheath/jacket shall be yellow.
- e. Phone/voice UTP sheath/jacket shall be white.
- f. RTLS UTP sheath/jacket shall be red.

2. Telecommunications Rooms (TR):

- a. Terminate data UTP cable on RJ-45, 8-pin connectors of 48-port modular patch panels.
- b. Terminate phone UTP cable on 110 punch down blocks.

3. Horizontal Cable: Installed from TCO jack to the TR patch panel.

- a. Tested to ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 Category 6 requirements including NEXT, ELFEXT (Pair-to-Pair and Power Sum), Insertion Loss (attenuation), Return Loss, and Delay Skew.
- b. Minimum Transmission Parameters: 250 MHZ.
- c. Provide four pair 23 AWG cable
- d. Terminate all four pairs on same port at patch panel in TR.
- e. Telecommunication Outlets (TCO):
 - 1) Jacks: Minimum three eight-pin RJ-45 ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 Category 6 Type jacks at TCO.

a) Top Port: RJ-45 jack compatible with RJ-11 plug for voice.
Jack shall be black.

b) Bottom Two Ports: Unkeyed RJ-45 jacks for data. Left Jack
shall be yellow and right jack shall be white.

f. Real Time Locating System Outlets(RTLSO):

1) Jacks: Minimum one eight-pin RJ-45 ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 Category 6
Type jacks at RTLISO.

a) Unkeyed RJ-45 jack for data, red in color.

B. Telecommunication Room (TR):

1. 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.
2. 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).

C. Horizontal Cabling (HC):

1. 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.

2.4 DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

A. Telecommunication Outlet:

1. TCO consists of minimum one voice (telephone) RJ45 jack and two data RJ45 jacks mounted in a separate steel outlet box 100 mm (4 inches) x 100 mm (4 inches) x 63 mm (2-1/2 inches) minimum with a labeled stainless steel faceplate.
2. Provide RJ-45/11 compatible female type voice (telephone) multi-pin connections. Provide RJ-45 female type data multi-pin connections.
3. Provide wall outlet with a stainless steel face plate and sufficient ports to fit voice (telephone) multi-pin jack, data multi-pin jacks and plastic covers for labels when mounted on outlet box provided (minimum 100mm (4 inches) x 100mm (4 inches) for single outlet box applications.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 DEMOLISHING OLD CABLE

- A. All unused existing telecommunications data and voice cable is to be removed from the wall jack through the ceiling into the telecommunications closet and removed from patch panels and 110 blocks.

3.2 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 conduit where concealed within walls, and free-air with J-hooks or similar means when concealed above ceilings.
- D. 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 connections using color coded labels with identifiers in accordance with industry standard and record on "Record Wiring Diagrams".
 - 5. If cable numbers already exists in communications rooms, number labeling sequence will be a continuation of existing cable numbers already in place on data patch panels and voice cables.

3.3 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 T568B pin assignments and cabling connections comply with TIA standards.

4. Visually confirm marking of cables, faceplates, and patch panels
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

F. Total System Acceptance Test: Perform verification tests for UTP after complete telecommunication distribution system and workstation outlet are installed.

3.4 MAINTENANCE

A. Accomplish the following minimum requirements during one year warranty period:

1. 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 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.
2. 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.
 - 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 51 23
INTERCOMMUNICATIONS AND PROGRAM SYSTEMS

PART 1 - GENERAL**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. This section specifies a new and fully operating Intercom (IC) System.
- B. Conform to VAAR 852.236.91 and intent of the construction documents, recognizing that it may be impracticable to detail all items because of variances in manufacturers to achieve indicated intent.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Connection to Electronic Access Control at doors: Section 28 13 00, PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM.
- B. Door hardware and operation of doors: 08 71 00 DOOR HARDWARE
- C. Conduit and boxes: 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, submit:
 - 1. Written certification from OEM proposed provider of contract maintenance is an authorized representative of OEM. Include provider's legal name, address, and OEM credentials.
 - 2. Submit names, locations and point of contact for three installations employing proposed OEM IC Systems of comparable size and complexity performing for at least one year after final acceptance by user.
- B. Certifications:
 - 1. Submit documentation that supplier has been an authorized distributor and service organization for OEM for a minimum of three years and is authorized by OEM to pass thru OEM's warranty of installed equipment to Government.
 - 2. Submit certificate of successful completion of OEM's installation and training program for each installing technician of equipment being proposed. Provide current OEM certifications for installers to be approved by COR before being allowed to commence work on system.
 - 3. Provide current OEM certification documenting maintenance and supervisory personnel are authorized by OEM to service installed equipment during warranty.
 - 4. Furnish copies of applicable national, state and local licenses.
- C. Warranty: Submit OEM warranty.

- D. Needs Assessment Report: Provide a summary report of the needs assessment meeting conducted with nursing manager of each unit, as required by this section.
- E. Maintenance Material Submission:
 - 1. Provide one spare 304 m (1,000 foot) roll of accepted system (not microphone) cable.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Assign only technicians trained, qualified, and certified by OEM on engineering, installation, operation and testing of system.
- B. Provide system firmware from OEM with a proven history of product reliability and sole control over all source code.

1.5 WARRANTY

- A. Comply with FAR clause 52.246-21, except that warranty must be as follows:
 - 1. Manufacturer shall warranty their equipment and certified installation for one year from date of installation and final acceptance by the Government.
 - 2. Provide, free of charge, product firmware and software upgrades for a period of one year from date of final acceptance by Government for any product feature enhancements.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 GENERAL

- A. Provide voice communication between wall-mounted intercom stations and desk or wall-mounted master stations.
- B. Provide accessories and miscellaneous appurtenances required for a complete and operating communications system and network.
- C. Coordinate features and select components to form an integrated IC system. Match components and interconnections for optimum performance of specified functions.
- D. Equipment: Modular type, continuous duty rated.

2.2 EQUIPMENT ITEMS

- A. Master Station Features:
 - 1. Basis of Design Manufacturer: AIPHONE Model JO-1MD and accessory MCW-S/A inside station desk mount where mounted on desk.
 - 2. Communicate selectively with all other add-on stations and speaker-microphone door stations by actuation of selector switches.
 - 3. Communicate simultaneously with other master stations.

4. Communicate with individual stations in privacy.
5. 7 inch TFT Color LCD Monitor to view camera image from Door Station.

B. Add-on Station Features:

1. Basis of Design Manufacturer: AIPHONE Model JO-1FD and accessory MCW-S/A inside station desk mount where mounted on desk.
2. Same features as Master.

C. Door Station Features:

1. Basis of Design Manufacturer: AIPHONE Model JO-DV
2. Color camera.
3. Microphone
4. Speaker
5. Communicate hands free.
6. Call master station and add-on station by actuating call switch.
7. Return busy signal to indicate that station is already in use.

2.3 HEAD END EQUIPMENT

- A. Provide required power supplies, communications hubs, network switches, intelligent controllers and other devices necessary to form a complete system.

2.4 SYSTEM CABLES

- A. Conductors: Jacketed, twisted pair and twisted multipair, untinned solid copper; sizes as recommended by system manufacturer, but no smaller than No. 18 AWG.
- B. Insulation: Thermoplastic; minimum 0.8 mm (1/32 inch) thick.
- C. Shielding: For speaker-microphone leads and elsewhere where recommended by manufacturer; No. 34 AWG, tinned, soft-copper strands formed into a braid or equivalent foil.
- D. Minimum Shielding Coverage on Conductors: 60 percent.
- E. Cabling must be plenum rated.

2.5 RACEWAYS

- A. Raceways and Boxes: Comply with requirements in Section 27 05 33, RACEWAYS AND BOXES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.
- B. Each open top raceway must be NRTL listed for telecommunications systems and partitioned with metal partitions in order to comply with NEC Parts 517 and 800 to "mechanically separate" telecommunications systems of different service, protect installed cables from falling out when vertically mounted and allow junction boxes to be attached to the side to interface "drop" type conduit cable feeds.
- C. IC System Cable Infrastructure: EMT.

- D. Pull boxes must be minimum 63.5 mm (2-1/2 inches) deep and 152.4 mm (6 inches) wide by 152.4 (6 inches) long.

2.6 SYSTEM CONDUIT

- A. Provide separate 25.4 mm (1 inch) minimum diameter EMT conduit, for system installation.

2.7 FINISHES

- A. Provide finishes for exposed work such as plates, speakers, etc. accepted by design professional, COR and 0050P3B.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Review and coordinate with telecommunications cabling installer for location of intercom equipment in Telecommunications Rooms.
- B. Verification of Conditions: Before beginning work, verify location, quantity, size and access for the following:
 - 1. Isolated ground AC power circuits provided for systems.
 - 2. Pull boxes, wall boxes, wire troughs, conduit stubs and other related infrastructure for systems.
 - 3. System components installed by others.
 - 4. Overhead supports and rigging hardware installed by others.
- C. Installer must immediately notify COR, general contractor and design professional in writing of any discrepancies.

3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. General:
 - 1. Install work plumb and square and in a manner consistent with standard industry practice.
 - 2. Protect work from dust, paint and moisture as dictated by site conditions. Contractor is responsible for protection of work until final acceptance by Government.
 - 3. Install equipment according to OEM's recommendations.
 - 4. Provide any hardware, adaptors, brackets, rack mount kits or other accessories recommended by OEM for complete assembly and installation.
 - 5. Secure equipment firmly in place, including IC stations, speakers, system cables, etc.:
 - a. Supports, mounts, fasteners, attachments and attachment points must support loads with a safety factor of at least 5:1.
 - b. Do not impose weight of equipment on supports provided for other trades or systems.

- c. Any suspended equipment or associated hardware must be certified by OEM for overhead suspension.
- d. Contractor is responsible for means and methods in design, fabrication, installation and certification of any supports, mounts, fasteners and attachments.
- 6. Coordinate cover plates with field conditions. Size and install cover plates to hide joints between back boxes and surrounding wall. Do not allow cable to leave or enter boxes without cover plates installed.
- 7. Where cover plates are not fitted with connectors, provide grommets holes in size and quantity required.
- B. Wiring Practice: In addition to requirements in Section 27 10 00, STRUCTURED CABLING, adhere to the following additional practices:
 - 1. Execute wiring in strict adherence to National Electrical Code, applicable local building codes and standard industry practices.
 - 2. Where raceway and wire way are EMT (conduit), wiring of differing classifications must be run in separate conduit.
 - 3. Where raceway and wire way are an enclosure (rack, tray, wire trough, utility box) wiring of differing classifications which share same enclosure must be mechanically partitioned and separated by 102 mm (four inches). Where wiring of differing classifications must cross, they must cross perpendicular to one another.
 - 4. Do not splice wiring anywhere along entire length of run.
 - 5. Make sure cables are insulated and shielded from each other and from raceway for entire length of run.
 - 6. Do not pull wire through any enclosure where a change of raceway alignment or direction occurs.
 - 7. Do not bend wires to less than radius recommended by manufacturer.
 - 8. Replace entire length of run of any wire or cable that is damaged or abraded during installation. There are no acceptable methods of repairing damaged or abraded wiring.
 - 9. Do not apply wire pulling lubricants unless specifically recommended by cable OEM.
 - 10. Use grommets around cut-outs and knock-outs where conduit or chase nipples are not installed.
 - 11. Do not use tape-based or glue-based cable anchors.
 - 12. Bond shields and drain wires to ground.
 - 13. Terminate field wiring entering equipment racks as follows:

- a. Provide service loops at harness break-outs, plates, panels and equipment to allow plates, panels and equipment to be removed for service and inspection.
 - b. Microphone level wiring can only be terminated at equipment served.
 - c. Employ permanent strain relief for any cable with an outside diameter of 1 inch or greater.
14. Use only balanced audio circuits unless indicated otherwise.
15. Make connections as follows:
 - a. Use rosin-core solder or mechanical connectors appropriate to application.
 - b. For crimp-type connections, use only crimp tool specified by manufacturer for the application.
 - c. Use only insulated spade lugs on screw terminals. Spade lugs must be sized to fit wire gauge; do not exceed two lugs per terminal.
 - d. Twist on wire connectors and electrical tape are not permitted for any application.
- C. Cable Installation: In addition to requirements in Section 27 10 00, STRUCTURED CABLING, comply to the following practices.
 1. Acceptable means of cable support are conduit. Plastic tie wraps are not permitted as a means to bundle or support cables.
 2. Run cables parallel to walls.
 3. Do not lay cables on top of luminaires, ceiling tiles, mechanical equipment, or ductwork.
 4. Maintain minimum 61 cm (2'-0") clearance from all shielded electrical apparatus.
 5. Test cables after the total installation is complete. Document test results. Remedy any cabling problems or defects in order to pass or comply with testing. This includes re-pull of new cable as required.
 6. Terminate both ends of cables per industry and OEM's recommendations.
 7. Provide proper temporary protection of cable after pulling is complete before final dressing and terminations are complete. Do not leave cable lying on floor. Bundle and tie wrap up off of the floor until ready to terminate.
 8. Cover end of overall jacket with minimum 25.4 mm (1 inch) length of transparent heat-shrink tubing.

- a. Cut unused insulated conductors minimum 50.8 mm (2 inches) passed heat-shrink, fold back over jacket and secure with cable-tie.
 - b. Cut unused shield/drain wires minimum 50.8 mm (2 inches) passed heat-shrink cover shield/drain wires with heat-shrink tubing extending to overall jacket. Extend tubing 6 mm (1/4 inch) passed end of unused wires, fold back over jacket and secure with cable tie.
9. For each solder-type connection, cover bare wire and solder connection with heat-shrink tubing.
10. Terminate conductors; no cable must contain unterminated elements. Make terminations only at outlets and terminals.
11. Terminations: Arrange on numbered terminal strips in junction, pull, and outlet boxes; terminal cabinets; and equipment enclosures. Cables cannot be spliced.
12. Bundle, lace, and train conductors to terminal points without exceeding OEM's limitations on bending radii. Install lacing bars and distribution spools.
13. Cold-Weather Installation: Bring cable to room temperature before de-reeling. Heat lamps are not permitted.
14. Cable must not be run through structural members or be in contact with pipes, ducts, or other potentially damaging items.
15. Separation of Wires: (Refer to Raceway Installation)
 - a. Separate speaker-microphone, line-level, speaker-level, and power wiring runs.
 - b. Install in separate raceways or, where exposed or in same enclosure, separate conductors at minimum 30.5 cm (12 inches) apart for speaker microphones and adjacent parallel power and telephone wiring.
 - c. Separate other intercommunication equipment conductors as recommended by equipment manufacturer.
- D. System Conduit: Install manufactured conduit sweeps and long radius elbows according to wire and cable OEM instructions.
- E. Protection during Installation:
 1. Protect electronic devices during unpacking and installation by wearing electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist straps tied to chassis ground.
 2. Wrist straps must meet OSHA requirements for prevention of electrical shock, if technician comes in contact with high voltage.

F. Cutting and Patching:

1. Keep work area clear of debris and clean area daily at completion of work.
2. Patch and paint any wall or surface that has been disturbed by execution of this work.
3. Provide any additional cutting, drilling, fitting or patching required that is not indicated as provided by others to complete work or to make its parts fit together properly.
4. Do not damage or endanger fully or partially completed construction of Government or separate contractors by cutting, patching or otherwise altering such construction, or by excavation. Contractor cannot cut or otherwise alter such construction by facility or separate contractor except with written consent of Government or of such separate contractor; such consent cannot be unreasonably withheld. Contractor cannot unreasonably withhold consent to cutting or otherwise altering work, by facility or a separate contractor.
5. Where coring of in-place concrete is specified or required, including coring indicated under unit prices, location of such coring must be identified in the field and accepted by COR prior to commencement of coring work.

G. Fireproofing:

1. Fireproof openings where IC cables penetrate fire rated walls, floors and ceilings.
2. Provide conduit sleeves (if not already provided) for cables that penetrate fire rated walls and floors and ceilings. After cabling installation is complete, install fire proofing material in and around conduit sleeves and openings. Install fire proofing material thoroughly and neatly. Seal floor and ceiling penetrations.
3. Use only materials and methods that preserve integrity of fire stopping system and its rating.

H. Grounding:

1. Ground cable shields and equipment to eliminate shock hazard and to minimize ground loops, common mode returns, noise pickup, cross talk, and other impairments.
2. Do not use "3rd or 4th" wire internal electrical system conductors for ground.
3. Do not "mix grounds" of different systems.

3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Assign only technicians trained, qualified, and certified by OEM on engineering, installation, operation, and testing of system.
- B. Performance Testing:
 - 1. Intermediate Testing:
 - a. After completion of 25 percent of installation of equipment, including one master station, and remote station, and prior to any further work, this portion of system must be pretested, inspected, and certified. Check each item of installed equipment to ensure appropriate NRTL labels are affixed, NFPA, Life Safety, and Joint Commission guidelines are followed, and proper installation practices are followed. Include a full operational test.
 - b. Arrange for inspection and test conducted by a factory-certified representative to be witnessed by Government and SMCS 0050P2H3 at a minimum and COR. An identical inspection can be conducted between 65 and 75 percent of system construction phase, at direction of COR.
 - 2. Pretesting:
 - a. Upon completing installation of system:
 - 1) Align, balance, and completely pretest entire system under full operating conditions.
 - 2) Verify (utilizing approved test equipment) system is operational and meets performance requirements of this standard.
 - 3) Verify that system functions are operational, and no unwanted aural effects, (e.g. signal distortion, noise pulses, glitches, audio hum, poling noise, etc.) are present. At a minimum, pretest each of the following locations:
 - a) Networked locations.
 - b) System trouble reporting.
 - c) System electrical supervision.
 - b. Provide recorded system pretest measurements and written certification that system is ready for formal acceptance test to COR.
 - 3. Acceptance Test:
 - a. Schedule acceptance test date giving COR 30 days' written notice prior to date acceptance test is expected to begin. System must

be tested in the presence of a Government representative and OEM-certified representative. System must be tested utilizing approved test equipment to certify proof of performance and emergency compliance. Test must verify that the total system meets specification requirements. Notification of acceptance test must include expected duration of time of the test.

4. Acceptance Test Procedure:

a. Physical and Mechanical Inspection:

- 1) Government representative may tour areas where system and sub-systems are completely and properly installed to ensure they are operationally ready for proof of performance testing. Prepare system inventory including available spare parts. Each item of installed equipment must be checked to ensure appropriate NRTL labels are affixed.
- 2) System diagrams, record drawings, equipment manuals, Auto CAD Disks, intermediate, and pretest results must be inventoried and reviewed.
- 3) Failure of system to meet installation requirements of this specification can be grounds for terminating all testing.

b. Operational Test:

- 1) Contractor must demonstrate full functionality of system including:
 - a) Station to master calls.
 - b) Station to station calls.
 - c) Location identification of stations at intercom master station.

- c. Test Conclusion: Government will accept results of the test or require additional testing on deficiencies and shortages. Retesting to comply with these specifications must be done at Government's convenience and contractor's expense.

3.4 TRAINING

- A. Provide training of facility-identified staff assigned to units receiving communications by an IC system. Implement training from master console operator's perspective, and likewise, for any person whose specific responsibilities include answering IC calls and dispatching an appropriate response, provide operational training from their perspective. A separate training room may be set up that allows

this type of individualized training utilizing in-service training unit, prior to cut over of new system.

B. Provide the following minimum training times and durations:

1. 1 hour.

3.5 MAINTENANCE

A. Provide Government personnel with ability to contact contractor and OEM for maintenance and logistic assistance, remote diagnostic testing, and assistance in resolving technical problems at any time, during warranty period.

B. Response Time during Warranty Period:

1. COR is contractor's only official reporting and contact official for IC system trouble calls, during the warranty period.
2. A standard work week is considered 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or as designated by COR, Monday through Friday exclusive of Federal holidays.
3. Respond and correct on-site trouble calls, during the standard work week:
 - a. A routine trouble call within one working day of its report. A routine trouble is considered a trouble which causes one IC station, or master IC station to be inoperable.
 - b. An emergency trouble call within four hours of its report.
 - 1) An emergency trouble is considered a trouble which causes a IC sub system or equipment cabinet, to be inoperable at any time.
 - 2) Emergency trouble calls include routine trouble calls in critical emergency health care facilities (i.e., cardiac arrest, intensive care units, etc.). COR must notify contractor of this type of trouble call.
4. If an IC component failure cannot be corrected within four hours (exclusive of the standard work time limits), provide alternate IC equipment.
5. Complete installation of alternate equipment/system within sixteen hours after the four hour trouble shooting time and restore operation of effected location to system performance standards.
6. Replace any sub-system or major system that cannot be corrected within one working day, with compatible temporary equipment returning system or sub-system to full operational capability, until repairs are complete.

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