

**SECTION 01 00 00**  
**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**1.1 GENERAL INTENTION**

Refer to Section 00 11 21

**1.2 STATEMENT OF BID ITEM(S)**

Refer to Section 00 11 21

**1.3 CONSTRUCTION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

A. Security Plan:

1. The security plan defines both physical and administrative security procedures that will remain effective for the entire duration of the project.
2. The General Contractor is responsible for assuring that all sub-contractors working on the project and their employees also comply with these regulations.

B. Security Procedures:

1. General Contractor's employees shall not enter the project site without appropriate badge. They may also be subject to inspection of their personal effects when entering or leaving the project site.
2. For working outside the "regular hours" as defined in the contract, The General Contractor shall give 3 days notice to the Contracting Officer so that security arrangements can be provided for the employees. This notice is separate from any notices required for utility shutdown described later in this section.
3. No photography of VA premises is allowed without written permission of the Contracting Officer.
4. VA reserves the right to close down or shut down the project site and order General Contractor's employees off the premises in the event of a national emergency. The General Contractor may return to the site only with the written approval of the Contracting Officer.

C. Key Control:

1. The General Contractor shall provide duplicate keys and lock combinations to the COTR for the purpose of security inspections of every area of project including tool boxes and parked machines and take any emergency action.
2. The General Contractor shall turn over all permanent lock cylinders to the VA locksmith for permanent installation.

D. Document Control:

1. Before starting any work, the General Contractor/Sub Contractors shall submit an electronic security memorandum describing the

approach to following goals and maintaining confidentiality of "sensitive information".

2. The General Contractor is responsible for safekeeping of all drawings, project manual and other project information. This information shall be shared only with those with a specific need to accomplish the project.
4. Certain documents, sketches, videos or photographs and drawings may be marked "Law Enforcement Sensitive" or "Sensitive Unclassified". Secure such information in separate containers and limit the access to only those who will need it for the project. Return the information to the Contracting Officer upon request.
5. These security documents shall not be removed or transmitted from the project site without the written approval of Contracting Officer.
6. All paper waste or electronic media such as CD's and diskettes shall be shredded and destroyed in a manner acceptable to the VA.
7. Notify Contracting Officer and Site Security Officer immediately when there is a loss or compromise of "sensitive information".
8. All electronic information shall be stored in specified location following VA standards and procedures.
  - a. Security, access and maintenance of all project drawings, both scanned and electronic shall be performed and tracked.
  - b. "Sensitive information" including drawings and other documents may be attached to e-mail provided all VA encryption procedures are followed.

E. Motor Vehicle Restrictions

1. Vehicle authorization request shall be required for any vehicle entering the site and such request shall be submitted 24 hours before the date and time of access. Access shall be restricted to picking up and dropping off materials and supplies.
2. Separate permits shall be issued for General Contractor and its employees for parking in designated areas only.

**1.4 FIRE SAFETY**

A. Applicable Publications: Publications listed below form part of this Article to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designations only.

1. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):  
E84-2008.....Surface Burning Characteristics of Building  
Materials
2. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):  
10-2006.....Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers  
30-2007.....Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code

51B-2003.....Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding,  
Cutting and Other Hot Work

70-2007.....National Electrical Code

241-2004.....Standard for Safeguarding Construction,  
Alteration, and Demolition Operations

3. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA):

29 CFR 1926.....Safety and Health Regulations for Construction

- B. Fire Safety Plan: Establish and maintain a fire protection program in accordance with 29 CFR 1926. Prior to start of work, prepare a plan detailing project-specific fire safety measures, including periodic status reports, and submit to COTR for review for compliance with contract requirements in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES Prior to any worker for the contractor or subcontractors beginning work, they shall undergo a safety briefing provided by the general contractor's competent person per OSHA requirements. This briefing shall include information on the construction limits, VAMC safety guidelines, means of egress, break areas, work hours, locations of restrooms, use of VAMC equipment, etc. Documentation shall be provided to the COTR Engineer that individuals have undergone contractor's safety briefing.
- C. Site and Building Access: Maintain free and unobstructed access to facility emergency services and for fire, police and other emergency response forces in accordance with NFPA 241.
- D. Separate temporary facilities, such as trailers, storage sheds, and dumpsters, from existing buildings and new construction by distances in accordance with NFPA 241. For small facilities with less than 6 m (20 feet) exposing overall length, separate by 3m (10 feet).
- E. Temporary Construction Partitions:
1. Install and maintain temporary construction partitions to provide smoke-tight separations between construction areas and adjoining areas. Construct partitions of gypsum board or treated plywood (flame spread rating of 25 or less in accordance with ASTM E84) on both sides of fire retardant treated wood or metal steel studs. Extend the partitions through suspended ceilings to floor slab deck or roof. Seal joints and penetrations. At door openings, install Class C, ¾ hour fire/smoke rated doors with self-closing devices.
  2. Install one-hour fire-rated temporary construction partitions to maintain integrity of existing exit stair enclosures, exit passageways, fire-rated enclosures of hazardous areas, horizontal exits, smoke barriers, vertical shafts and openings enclosures.

3. Close openings in smoke barriers and fire-rated construction to maintain fire ratings. Seal penetrations with listed penetration fire stop materials in accordance with Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- F. Temporary Heating and Electrical: Install, use and maintain installations in accordance with 29 CFR 1926, NFPA 241 and NFPA 70.
- G. Means of Egress: Do not block exiting for occupied buildings, including paths from exits to roads. Minimize disruptions and coordinate with COTR.
- H. Egress Routes for Construction Workers: Maintain free and unobstructed egress. Inspect daily. Report findings and corrective actions weekly to COTR.
- I. Fire Extinguishers: Provide and maintain extinguishers in construction areas and temporary storage areas in accordance with 29 CFR 1926, NFPA 241 and NFPA 10.
- J. Flammable and Combustible Liquids: Store, dispense and use liquids in accordance with 29 CFR 1926, NFPA 241 and NFPA 30.
- K. Sprinklers: Install, test and activate new automatic sprinklers prior to removing existing sprinklers.
- L. Existing Fire Protection: Do not impair automatic sprinklers, smoke and heat detection, and fire alarm systems, except for portions immediately under construction, and temporarily for connections. Provide fire watch for impairments more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period. Request interruptions in accordance with Article, OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS, and coordinate with COTR. All existing or temporary fire protection systems (fire alarms, sprinklers) located in construction areas shall be tested as coordinated with the medical center. Parameters for the testing and results of any tests performed shall be recorded by the medical center and copies provided to the COTR.
- M. Smoke Detectors: Prevent accidental operation. Remove temporary covers at end of work operations each day. Coordinate with COTR.
- N. Hot Work: Perform and safeguard hot work operations in accordance with NFPA 241 and NFPA 51B. Coordinate with COTR. Obtain permits from Safety Manager at least 24 hours in advance. Designate contractor's responsible project-site fire prevention program manager to permit hot work.
- O. Fire Hazard Prevention and Safety Inspections: Inspect entire construction areas weekly. Coordinate with, and report findings and corrective actions weekly to COTR.
- P. Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in and adjacent to construction areas inside existing buildings and additions under construction. In separate and detached buildings under construction, smoking is prohibited except in designated smoking rest areas.

- Q. Dispose of waste and debris in accordance with NFPA 241. Remove from buildings daily.
- R. Perform other construction, alteration and demolition operations in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.
- S. If required, submit documentation to the COTR that personnel have been trained in the fire safety aspects of working in areas with impaired structural or compartmentalization features.

#### **1.5 OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS**

- A. The Contractor shall confine all operations (including storage of materials) on Government premises to areas authorized or approved by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall hold and save the Government, its officers and agents, free and harmless from liability of any nature occasioned by the Contractor's performance.
- B. Temporary buildings (e.g., storage sheds, shops, offices) and utilities may be erected by the Contractor only with the approval of the Contracting Officer and shall be built with labor and materials furnished by the Contractor without expense to the Government. The temporary buildings and utilities shall remain the property of the Contractor and shall be removed by the Contractor at its expense upon completion of the work. With the written consent of the Contracting Officer, the buildings and utilities may be abandoned and need not be removed.
- C. The Contractor shall, under regulations prescribed by the Contracting Officer, use only established roadways, or use temporary roadways constructed by the Contractor when and as authorized by the Contracting Officer. When materials are transported in prosecuting the work, vehicles shall not be loaded beyond the loading capacity recommended by the manufacturer of the vehicle or prescribed by any Federal, State, or local law or regulation. When it is necessary to cross curbs or sidewalks, the Contractor shall protect them from damage. The Contractor shall repair or pay for the repair of any damaged curbs, sidewalks, or roads.
- D. Working space and space available for storing materials shall be as determined by the COTR.
- E. Workmen are subject to rules of Medical Center applicable to their conduct.
- F. Execute work so as to interfere as little as possible with normal functioning of Medical Center as a whole, including operations of utility services, fire protection systems and any existing equipment, and with work being done by others. Use of equipment and tools that transmit vibrations and noises through the building structure, are not

permitted in buildings that are occupied, during construction, jointly by patients or medical personnel, and Contractor's personnel, except as permitted by COTR where required by limited working space.

1. Do not store materials and equipment in other than assigned areas.
  2. Schedule delivery of materials and equipment to immediate construction working areas within buildings in use by Department of Veterans Affairs in quantities sufficient for not more than two work days. Provide unobstructed access to Medical Center areas required to remain in operation.
  3. Where access by Medical Center personnel to vacated portions of buildings is not required, storage of Contractor's materials and equipment will be permitted subject to fire and safety requirements.
- I. Utilities Services: Maintain existing utility services for Medical Center at all times. Provide temporary facilities, labor, materials, equipment, connections, and utilities to assure uninterrupted services. Where necessary to cut existing water, steam, gases, sewer or air pipes, or conduits, wires, cables, etc. of utility services or of fire protection systems and communications systems (including telephone), they shall be cut and capped at suitable places where shown; or, in absence of such indication, where directed by COTR.
1. No utility service such as water, gas, steam, sewers or electricity, or fire protection systems and communications systems may be interrupted without prior approval of COTR. Electrical work shall be accomplished with all affected circuits or equipment de-energized. When an electrical outage cannot be accomplished, work on any energized circuits or equipment shall not commence without the Medical Center Director's prior knowledge and written approval.
  2. Contractor shall submit a request to interrupt any such services to COTR, in writing, 48 hours in advance of proposed interruption. Request shall state reason, date, exact time of, and approximate duration of such interruption.
  3. Contractor will be advised (in writing) of approval of request, or of which other date and/or time such interruption will cause least inconvenience to operations of Medical Center. Interruption time approved by Medical Center may occur at other than Contractor's normal working hours.
  4. Major interruptions of any system must be requested, in writing, at least 15 calendar days prior to the desired time and shall be performed as directed by the COTR.

5. In case of a contract construction emergency, service will be interrupted on approval of COTR. Such approval will be confirmed in writing as soon as practical.
  6. Whenever it is required that a connection fee be paid to a public utility provider for new permanent service to the construction project, for such items as water, sewer, electricity, gas or steam, payment of such fee shall be the responsibility of the Government and not the Contractor.
- J. Abandoned Lines: All service lines such as wires, cables, conduits, ducts, pipes and the like, and their hangers or supports, which are to be abandoned but are not required to be entirely removed, shall be sealed, capped or plugged. The lines shall not be capped in finished areas, but shall be removed and sealed, capped or plugged in ceilings, within furred spaces, in unfinished areas, or within walls or partitions; so that they are completely behind the finished surfaces.
- K. To minimize interference of construction activities with flow of Medical Center traffic, comply with the following:
1. Keep roads, walks and entrances to grounds, to parking and to occupied areas of buildings clear of construction materials, debris and standing construction equipment and vehicles. Wherever excavation for new utility lines cross existing roads, at least one lane must be open to traffic at all times.
  2. Method and scheduling of required cutting, altering and removal of existing roads, walks and entrances must be approved by the COTR.
- L. Coordinate the work for this contract with other construction operations as directed by COTR. This includes the scheduling of traffic and the use of roadways, as specified in Article, USE OF ROADWAYS.

#### **1.6 PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION, STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS**

- A. The Contractor shall preserve and protect all structures, equipment, and vegetation (such as trees, shrubs, and grass) on or adjacent to the work site, which are not to be removed and which do not unreasonably interfere with the work required under this contract. The Contractor shall only remove trees when specifically authorized to do so, and shall avoid damaging vegetation that will remain in place. If any limbs or branches of trees are broken during contract performance, or by the careless operation of equipment, or by workmen, the Contractor shall trim those limbs or branches with a clean cut and paint the cut with a tree-pruning compound as directed by the Contracting Officer.
- B. The Contractor shall protect from damage all existing improvements and utilities at or near the work site and on adjacent property of a third

party, the locations of which are made known to or should be known by the Contractor. The Contractor shall repair any damage to those facilities, including those that are the property of a third party, resulting from failure to comply with the requirements of this contract or failure to exercise reasonable care in performing the work. If the Contractor fails or refuses to repair the damage promptly, the Contracting Officer may have the necessary work performed and charge the cost to the Contractor.

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- C. Refer to Section 01 57 19, TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS, for additional requirements on protecting vegetation, soils and the environment. Refer to Articles, "Alterations", "Restoration", and "Operations and Storage Areas" for additional instructions concerning repair of damage to structures and site improvements.

**1.7 RESTORATION**

- A. Remove, cut, alter, replace, patch and repair existing work as necessary to install new work. Except as otherwise shown or specified, do not cut, alter or remove any structural work, and do not disturb any ducts, plumbing, steam, gas, or electric work without approval of the COTR. Existing work to be altered or extended and that is found to be defective in any way, shall be reported to the COTR before it is disturbed. Materials and workmanship used in restoring work, shall conform in type and quality to that of original existing construction, except as otherwise shown or specified.
- B. Upon completion of contract, deliver work complete and undamaged. Existing work (walls, ceilings, partitions, floors, mechanical and electrical work, lawns, paving, roads, walks, etc.) disturbed or removed as a result of performing required new work, shall be patched, repaired, reinstalled, or replaced with new work, and refinished and left in as good condition as existed before commencing work.
- C. At Contractor's own expense, Contractor shall immediately restore to service and repair any damage caused by Contractor's workmen to existing piping and conduits, wires, cables, etc., of utility services or of fire protection systems and communications systems (including telephone) which are indicated on drawings and which are not scheduled for discontinuance or abandonment.
- D. Expense of repairs to such utilities and systems not shown on drawings or locations of which are unknown will be covered by adjustment to contract time and price in accordance with clause entitled "CHANGES" (FAR 52.243-4 and VAAR 852.236-88) and "DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS" (FAR 52.236-2).

**1.8 USE OF ROADWAYS**

- A. For hauling, use only established public roads and roads on Medical Center property and, when authorized by the COTR, such temporary roads which are necessary in the performance of contract work. Temporary roads shall be constructed by the Contractor at Contractor's expense. When necessary to cross curbing, sidewalks, or similar construction, they must be protected by well-constructed bridges.

**1.9 TEMPORARY USE OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT**

- A. Use of new installed mechanical and electrical equipment to provide heat, ventilation, plumbing, light and power will be permitted subject to compliance with the following provisions:
1. Permission to use each unit or system must be given by COTR. If the equipment is not installed and maintained in accordance with the following provisions, the COTR will withdraw permission for use of the equipment.
  2. Electrical installations used by the equipment shall be completed in accordance with the drawings and specifications to prevent damage to the equipment and the electrical systems, i.e. transformers, relays, circuit breakers, fuses, conductors, motor controllers and their overload elements shall be properly sized, coordinated and adjusted. Voltage supplied to each item of equipment shall be verified to be correct and it shall be determined that motors are not overloaded. The electrical equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned before using it and again immediately before final inspection including vacuum cleaning and wiping clean interior and exterior surfaces.
  3. Units shall be properly lubricated, balanced, and aligned. Vibrations must be eliminated.
  4. Automatic temperature control systems for preheat coils shall function properly and all safety controls shall function to prevent coil freeze-up damage.
  5. The air filtering system utilized shall be that which is designed for the system when complete, and all filter elements shall be replaced at completion of construction and prior to testing and balancing of system.
  6. All components of heat production and distribution system, metering equipment, condensate returns, and other auxiliary facilities used in temporary service shall be cleaned prior to use; maintained to prevent corrosion internally and externally during use; and cleaned, maintained and inspected prior to acceptance by the Government. Boilers, pumps, feedwater heaters and auxiliary equipment must be operated as a complete system and be fully maintained by operating

- personnel. Boiler water must be given complete and continuous chemical treatment.
- B. Prior to final inspection, the equipment or parts used which show wear and tear beyond normal, shall be replaced with identical replacements, at no additional cost to the Government.
  - C. This paragraph shall not reduce the requirements of the mechanical and electrical specifications sections.

#### **1.10 TEMPORARY TOILETS**

- A. Provide where directed, (for use of all Contractor's workmen) ample temporary sanitary toilet accommodations with suitable sewer and water connections; or, when approved by COTR, provide suitable dry closets where directed. Keep such places clean and free from flies, and all connections and appliances connected therewith are to be removed prior to completion of contract, and premises left perfectly clean.

#### **1.11 AVAILABILITY AND USE OF UTILITY SERVICES**

- A. The Government shall make all reasonably required amounts of utilities available to the Contractor from existing outlets and supplies, as specified in the contract. The amount to be paid by the Contractor for chargeable electrical services shall be the prevailing rates charged to the Government. The Contractor shall carefully conserve any utilities furnished without charge.
- B. The Contractor, at Contractor's expense and in a workmanlike manner satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, shall install and maintain all necessary temporary connections and distribution lines, and all meters required to measure the amount of electricity used for the purpose of determining charges. Before final acceptance of the work by the Government, the Contractor shall remove all the temporary connections, distribution lines, meters, and associated paraphernalia.
- C. Contractor shall install meters at Contractor's expense and furnish the Medical Center a monthly record of the Contractor's usage of electricity as hereinafter specified.
- D. Heat: Furnish temporary heat necessary to prevent injury to work and materials through dampness and cold. Use of open salamanders or any temporary heating devices which may be fire hazards or may smoke and damage finished work, will not be permitted. Maintain minimum temperatures as specified for various materials:
  - 1. Obtain heat by connecting to Medical Center heating distribution system.
    - a. Steam is available at no cost to Contractor.
- E. Electricity (for Construction and Testing): Furnish all temporary electric services.

1. Obtain electricity by connecting to the Medical Center electrical distribution system. The Contractor shall meter and pay for electricity required for electric cranes and hoisting devices, electrical welding devices and any electrical heating devices providing temporary heat. Electricity for all other uses is available at no cost to the Contractor.
- F. Water (for Construction and Testing): Furnish temporary water service.
1. Obtain water by connecting to the Medical Center water distribution system. Provide reduced pressure backflow preventer at each connection. Water is available at no cost to the Contractor.
  2. Maintain connections, pipe, fittings and fixtures and conserve water-use so none is wasted. Failure to stop leakage or other wastes will be cause for revocation (at COTR's discretion) of use of water from Medical Center's system.
- G. Steam: Furnish steam system for testing required in various sections of specifications.
1. Obtain steam for testing by connecting to the Medical Center steam distribution system. Steam is available at no cost to the Contractor.
  2. Maintain connections, pipe, fittings and fixtures and conserve steam-use so none is wasted. Failure to stop leakage or other waste will be cause for revocation (at COTR's discretion), of use of steam from the Medical Center's system.

#### **1.12 NEW TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT**

- A. The contractor shall coordinate with the work of installation of telephone equipment by others. This work shall be completed before the building is turned over to VA.

#### **1.13 TESTS**

- A. Pre-test mechanical and electrical equipment and systems and make corrections required for proper operation of such systems before requesting final tests. Final test will not be conducted unless pre-tested.
- B. Conduct final tests required in various sections of specifications in presence of an authorized representative of the Contracting Officer. Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, equipment, instruments, and forms, to conduct and record such tests.
- C. Mechanical and electrical systems shall be balanced, controlled and coordinated. A system is defined as the entire complex which must be coordinated to work together during normal operation to produce results for which the system is designed. For example, air conditioning supply air is only one part of entire system which provides comfort conditions for a building. Other related components are return air, exhaust air,

steam, chilled water, refrigerant, hot water, controls and electricity, etc. Another example of a complex which involves several components of different disciplines is a boiler installation. Efficient and acceptable boiler operation depends upon the coordination and proper operation of fuel, combustion air, controls, steam, feedwater, condensate and other related components.

- D. All related components as defined above shall be functioning when any system component is tested. Tests shall be completed within a reasonably short period of time during which operating and environmental conditions remain reasonably constant.
- E. Individual test result of any component, where required, will only be accepted when submitted with the test results of related components and of the entire system.

#### **1.14 INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. Contractor shall furnish Maintenance and Operating manuals and verbal instructions when required by the various sections of the specifications and as hereinafter specified.
- B. Manuals: Maintenance and operating manuals (four copies each) for each separate piece of equipment shall be delivered to the COTR coincidental with the delivery of the equipment to the job site. Manuals shall be complete, detailed guides for the maintenance and operation of equipment. They shall include complete information necessary for starting, adjusting, maintaining in continuous operation for long periods of time and dismantling and reassembling of the complete units and sub-assembly components. Manuals shall include an index covering all component parts clearly cross-referenced to diagrams and illustrations. Illustrations shall include "exploded" views showing and identifying each separate item. Emphasis shall be placed on the use of special tools and instruments. The function of each piece of equipment, component, accessory and control shall be clearly and thoroughly explained. All necessary precautions for the operation of the equipment and the reason for each precaution shall be clearly set forth. Manuals must reference the exact model, style and size of the piece of equipment and system being furnished. Manuals referencing equipment similar to but of a different model, style, and size than that furnished will not be accepted.
- C. Instructions: Contractor shall provide qualified, factory-trained manufacturers' representatives to give detailed instructions to assigned Department of Veterans Affairs personnel in the operation and complete maintenance for each piece of equipment. All such training will be at the job site. These requirements are more specifically detailed in the

various technical sections. Instructions for different items of equipment that are component parts of a complete system, shall be given in an integrated, progressive manner. All instructors for every piece of component equipment in a system shall be available until instructions for all items included in the system have been completed. This is to assure proper instruction in the operation of inter-related systems. All instruction periods shall be at such times as scheduled by the COTR and shall be considered concluded only when the COTR is satisfied in regard to complete and thorough coverage. The Department of Veterans Affairs reserves the right to request the removal of, and substitution for, any instructor who, in the opinion of the COTR, does not demonstrate sufficient qualifications in accordance with requirements for instructors above.

#### **1.15 HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

- A. Where the Contractor or any of the Contractor's employees, prior to, or during the construction work, are advised of or discover any possible archeological, historical and/or cultural resources, the Contractor shall immediately notify the COTR verbally, and then with a written follow up.

#### **1.16 SCHEDULES FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

- A. In addition to any other schedules required by this contract, the Contractor shall, within ten days after issuance of the Notice to Proceed or another period of time determined by the Contracting Officer, prepare and submit to the Contracting Officer for approval three copies of a practicable schedule showing the order in which the Contractor proposes to perform the work, and the dates on which the Contractor contemplates starting and completing the several salient features of the work (including acquiring materials, plant, and equipment). The schedule shall be in the form of a progress chart of suitable scale to indicate appropriately the percentage of work scheduled for completion by any given date during the period. If the Contractor fails to submit a schedule within the time prescribed, the Contracting Officer may withhold approval of progress payments until the Contractor submits the required schedule.
- B. If, in the opinion of the Contracting Officer, the Contractor falls behind the approved schedule, the Contractor shall take steps necessary to improve its progress without additional cost to the Government including but not limited to increasing the number of shifts, overtime operations, days of work, and/or the amount of construction plant, and submitting for approval any supplementary schedule or schedules in

chart form as the Contracting Officer deems necessary to demonstrate how the approved rate of progress will be regained. No additional general conditions shall be allowed if contractor has fallen behind schedule.

- C. Failure of the Contractor to proceed in accordance with the approved schedule shall be grounds for a determination by the Contracting Officer that the Contractor is not prosecuting the work with sufficient diligence to ensure completion within the time specified in the contract. Upon making this determination, the Contracting Officer may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the work, or any separable part of it, in accordance with the default terms of this contract.

#### **1.17 ASBESTOS MATERIALS**

Pursuant to Clause 52.236-2 Differing Site Conditions, it is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the Contracting Officer and COTR promptly and before conditions are disturbed of the possible presence of asbestos in areas other than those so designated in this contract. The Government shall collect a sample of suspected asbestos and obtain laboratory testing. If asbestos is not detected, the contractor will be notified in writing of the negative test results and will be directed to proceed with the performance of the contract. It is anticipated that the only asbestos materials in the area of this project will be certain floor tile mastic, certain window glazing, and certain duct joint compound. Removal of these items shall be accomplished in strict compliance with state and federal and VA requirements.

#### **1.18 FALL PROTECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION**

Fall protection shall be required during all work operations in accordance with OSHA Article 1926.500, 29 CFR Ch. XVII (7-1-92 Edition).

- A. In general for areas greater than 6 ft. in height above the adjacent grade and/or level, persons shall be protected from fall by one or a combination of the following:
  - 1. Motion Stopping System
  - 2. Warning Line System, and/or
  - 3. Safety Monitoring System
- B. A Motion Stopping System will be employed at edges where material handling and material storage occurs.

#### **1.19 HAZARD COMMUNICATION**

- A. The Medical Center advises the Contractor of the following potential hazards in accordance with OSHA Article 1926.59. The Contractor is completely responsible for the health and safety of himself, his employees, agents, subcontractors, and others that may be performing, testing, or reviewing his work under his direction, request, or otherwise during the period of execution of work under this contract.
- B. Lead Based Paint - Exposure is through inhalation and ingestion. Contractor shall wear proper respiratory protection when preparing lead based paint surfaces as required in State Regulations.
- C. Infectious Diseases - The contractor shall be thoroughly familiar with the VA signage for universal precautions. The Contractor will be advised of using proper hygiene techniques (washing hands regularly etc.)

#### **1.20 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS NOTIFICATION**

An official Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) shall be approved in advance by COTR of any chemical brought onto the Medical Center premises. Contractor shall maintain a file on the job site of all such MSDS sheets. The copy shall be annotated with 1) the specific job related use of the product, 2) the contractor, subcontractor or person using the chemical, 3) the maximum quantity of the chemical on site or expected to be on site at any given time, 4) the estimated date when this chemical will no longer be stored or housed on the Medical Center premises.

#### **1.21 DAILY LOGS**

Contractor shall complete a daily log in a format prescribed by the Medical Center and submit a completed, signed copy to the COTR following each day or maintain such copies in a binder at the job site. See the attached form on the following page. The form shall indicate the type of work completed, the number of workers on site, and a brief description of the work and issues addressed each day. Indicate any penetration or hot work permits obtained and whether such work was completed.

- A. The template of the Daily Log form is available from COTR in Microsoft Excel worksheet format (\*.xls).



**1.22 KEYS**

The COTR will issue keys as required, to the Contractor to access certain rooms on the Medical Center property. Keys shall be returned when no longer needed or upon completion of construction. A \$100 fine per key shall apply to Contractor for all keys not returned at the completion of construction.

**1.23 CELL PHONES**

Cell phones must be turned OFF when inside Building #31. The Contractor shall communicate this restriction to all Contractor employees and subcontractors. "OFF" shall not be confused with "mute".

**1.24 LOCKOUT/TAGOUT PROCEDURE:**

A lockout/tagout procedure shall be required to be performed by the Contractor on this contract. The contractor may follow his own procedure if approved in advance by the COTR or the VA policy shall be followed. Copies of the VA policy are available at the Facilities Management Office in Building 37.

1. Purpose: This procedure establishes the minimum requirements for the lockout of energy isolating devices. It shall be used to ensure that the machine or equipment are isolated from all potentially hazardous energy, and locked out or tagged out before employees perform any servicing or maintenance activities where the unexpected energization, start-up or release of stored energy could cause injury.
2. Responsibility: The Contractor's supervisor shall instruct appropriate employees in the safety significance of the lockout procedure. Each new or transferred affected employee and other employees whose work operations are or may be in the area shall be instructed in the purpose and use of the lockout procedure.

**1.25 LICENSING**

Contractor is required to insure that all trades workers hold proper State or Federal licenses for the work they are to perform. Such licenses shall be submitted to the COTR upon request.

**1.26 MERCURY FREE FACILITY**

The VA Medical Center desires to be a mercury free facility. Contractor shall take all necessary means and good faith to insure that no mercury

containing devices are introduced to this campus as a result of this project.

#### **1.27 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Contractor shall not dispose of solid or liquid waste on the VA Campus. This shall include the wash down of concrete at any place on campus without the specific approval of the COTR, such approval is not likely to be given. Refer to Division 02, Section DEMOLITION for additional specific requirements.

#### **1.28 BUY RECYCLED**

This facility is required to buy recycled products and materials whenever possible. Contractor shall take all necessary means and good faith to insure that recycled materials are considered and/or used on this project.

#### **1.29 LISTING OF SUBCONTRACTORS**

Upon beginning the project, contractor shall furnish to the CO and COTR a complete contact listing of all subcontractors, to include name, address, phone, cell phone, fax, e-mail of the responsible parties.

#### **1.30 SUBMITTALS**

Prior to installing any new equipment, hardware, building service equipment, etc contractor shall deliver submittals on the equipment proposed. No items shall be installed without proper approval of submittals in advance. Submittals shall be delivered electronically as prescribed by the Contracting Officer at the notice to proceed meeting.

#### **1.31 PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2006)**

- A. The contractor shall comply with agency personal identity verification procedures identified in the contract that implemented Homeland Security Presidential Verification Directive-12 (HSPD-12), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance M-05-24, and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) Number 201.
- B. The contractor shall insert this clause in all subcontracts when the subcontractor is required to have physical access to a federally-controlled facility or access to a Federal information system.
- C. This PIV process typically requires all workers to complete forms in advance of entering the VA Medical Center, to present two official forms of identification, to submit finger prints and background checks, etc depending on the nature of the project and the length of

construction. The approval process typically requires a minimum of five business days before access can be approved.

### **1.32 ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

All AC motors shall be premium efficient and meet the performance requirements and incentive eligibility established by Efficiency Vermont.

All lighting shall be high efficiency and meet the performance requirements and incentive eligibility established by Efficiency Vermont.

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**SECTION 01 33 23**  
**SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES**

- 1.1 Refer to Articles titled SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION (FAR 52.236-21) and, SPECIAL NOTES (VAAR 852.236-91), in GENERAL CONDITIONS.
- 1.2 For the purposes of this contract, samples (including laboratory samples to be tested), test reports, certificates, and manufacturers' literature and data shall also be subject to the previously referenced requirements. The following text refers to all items collectively as SUBMITTALS.
- 1.3 Make all submittals in accordance with VAMC local standard described in APPENDIX IX below. Procedure A shall be the default standard for compliance in electronic formats whenever practicable. Procedure B may be followed when necessary for physical samples and other objects that cannot be handled according to Procedure A.
  - A. Address and password of A/E FTP site will be notified at Notice to Proceed meeting.
  - B. Other general requirements for submittals shall be as outlined in the body of this Section.
  - C. Contractor, having assigned each submittal a file number, shall refer to said file and identification number in subsequent correspondence to expedite replies relative to previously approved or disapproved submittals.
- 1.4 Submit for approval, all of the items specifically mentioned under the separate sections of the specification, with information sufficient to evidence full compliance with contract requirements. Materials, fabricated articles and the like to be installed in permanent work shall equal those of approved submittals. After an item has been approved, no change in brand or make will be permitted unless:
  - A. Satisfactory written evidence is presented to, and approved by COTR, that manufacturer cannot make scheduled delivery of approved item or;
  - B. Item delivered has been rejected and substitution of a suitable item is an urgent necessity or;
  - C. Other conditions become apparent which indicates approval of such substitute item to be in best interest of the Government.
- 1.5 Forward submittals in sufficient time to permit proper consideration and approval action by Government. Time submission to assure adequate

lead time for procurement of contract - required items. Delays attributable to untimely and rejected submittals (including any laboratory samples to be tested) will not serve as a basis for extending contract time for completion.

- 1.6 Submittals will be reviewed for compliance with contract requirements by Architect-Engineer, and action thereon will be taken by COTR.
- 1.7 The Government reserves the right to require additional submittals, whether or not particularly mentioned in this contract, without adjustment in contract price and time.
- 1.8 Schedules called for in specifications and shown on shop drawings shall be submitted for use and information of Department of Veterans Affairs and Architect-Engineer. However, the Contractor shall assume responsibility for coordinating and verifying schedules. The COTR and Architect-Engineer assumes no responsibility for checking schedules or layout drawings for exact sizes, exact numbers and detailed positioning of items.
- 1.9 Submittals must be submitted by Contractor only. Physical submittals shall be shipped prepaid. COTR assumes no responsibility for checking quantities or exact numbers included in such submittals.
  - A. Submit sufficient numbers of physical submittals, taking into account the number of copies to be retained by Government, A-E, and sub-consultant(s) where applicable.
    1. Submit materials samples for color and finish verification required by Division 09 and other Divisions in quadruplicate.
    2. Submit other samples in single units unless otherwise specified. Submit shop drawings, schedules, manufacturers' literature and data, and certificates in quadruplicate, except where a greater number is specified or necessary.
  - B. Submittals will receive consideration only when accompanied by an attached electronic transmittal signed by Contractor, or paper letter in the case of Procedure B. Transmittal shall contain the list of items, name of Medical Center, name of Contractor, contract number, applicable specification paragraph numbers, applicable drawing numbers (and other information required for exact identification of location for each item), manufacturer and brand, ASTM or Federal Specification Number (if any) and such additional information as may be required by specifications for particular item being furnished. In addition, catalogs shall be marked to indicate specific items submitted for approval.
    1. Any items received without identification letter will be considered "unclaimed goods" and held for a limited time only.

2. Each sample, certificate, manufacturers' literature and data shall be labeled to indicate the name and location of the Medical Center , name of Contractor, manufacturer, brand, contract number and ASTM or Federal Specification Number as applicable and location(s) on project.
  3. Required certificates shall be signed by an authorized representative of manufacturer or supplier of material, and by Contractor.
- C. In addition to complying with the applicable requirements specified in preceding Article 1.9, samples which are required to have Laboratory Tests (those preceded by symbol "LT" under the separate sections of the specification shall be tested, at the expense of Contractor, in a commercial laboratory approved by COTR.
1. Laboratory shall furnish COTR with a certificate stating that it is fully equipped and qualified to perform intended work, is fully acquainted with specification requirements and intended use of materials and is an independent establishment in no way connected with organization of Contractor or with manufacturer or supplier of materials to be tested.
  2. Certificates shall also set forth a list of comparable projects upon which laboratory has performed similar functions during past five years.
  3. Samples and laboratory tests shall be sent directly to approved commercial testing laboratory.
  4. Contractor shall send a copy of transmittal letter to both COTR and to Architect-Engineer simultaneously with submission of material to a commercial testing laboratory.
  5. Laboratory test reports shall be sent directly to COTR for appropriate action, with copy to A-E.
  6. Laboratory reports shall list contract specification test requirements and a comparative list of the laboratory test results. When tests show that the material meets specification requirements, the laboratory shall so certify on test report.
  7. Laboratory test reports shall also include a recommendation for approval or disapproval of tested item.
- D. If submittal samples have been disapproved or recommended for disapproval by laboratory, resubmit new samples as soon as possible after notification. Such new samples shall be marked "Resubmitted Sample" in addition to containing other previously specified information required on label and in transmittal letter.
- E. Approved samples will be kept on file by the COTR at the site until completion of contract, at which time such samples will be delivered

to Contractor as Contractor's property. Where noted in technical sections of specifications, approved samples in good condition may be used in their proper locations in contract work. At completion of contract, samples that are not approved will be returned to Contractor only upon request and at Contractor's expense. Such request should be made prior to completion of the contract. Disapproved samples that are not requested for return by Contractor will be discarded after completion of contract.

- F. Submittal drawings (shop, erection or setting drawings) and schedules, required for work of various trades, shall be checked before submission by technically qualified employees of Contractor for accuracy, completeness and compliance with contract requirements. These drawings and schedules shall be stamped and signed by Contractor certifying to such check.

## APPENDIX: ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES DECEMBER 28, 2010.

A. FOR ITEMS IN 8.5 X 11 FORMAT OR OTHERWISE EASILY SCANNED and less than 9 MB is size:

1. General contractor (GC) prepares submittal in electronic format. Official numbering scheme to be as submitted by the GC. To include:
  - a. VA Electronic cover document (see attachment)
  - b. GC submittal cover document combined with submittal documents, usually to include a sub contractor cover document.
  - c. These two items may be submitted as two documents or one.
2. GC scans submittal, uploads to A/E's FTP site, and sends complete electronic submittal by e-mail to all parties as agreed in the Notice to Proceed Meeting (NTP). Typically include VA Contracting Officer (CO), CO Technical Representative (COTR); VA Construction Clerk; and the A/E (and including engineer subs to the A/E where applicable).
3. A/E (including his sub-consultants) begins immediate review of the electronic submittal.
4. Upon A/E completion of review - A/E returns complete electronic submittal package to the COTR with electronic signature and any comments entered ON the electronic cover document.
5. COTR reviews the A/E comments and adds any VA specific comments; then signs COTR electronic signature. COTR forwards electronic submittal to the CO for final approval with copy to GC and VA Construction Clerk, (and others if determined at the NTP meeting). CO issues final signed approval with copy to GC and VA Construction Clerk, (and others if determined at the NTP meeting). The date of this e-mail becomes the official date for return of submittal. CO will post the return of submittal date on the official submittal log .
6. VA Construction Clerk to make one complete copy of the final reviewed (approved or resubmit) submittal package with all cover docs and files in the VA FMS project folder. Plus one copy of the Return of Submittal electronic signature document and sends this by VA internal mail to the CO.

**B. FOR ITEMS NOT IN 8.5 X 11 FORMAT OR OTHERWISE EASILY SCANNED (i.e. Shop Drawings) OR SCANNED BUT LARGER THAN 9 MB:**

Option 1 (preferred):

1. A/E shall provide a folder on A/E's ftp site and shall manage all submittals (small and large) through an approved process using the ftp site which can handle large submittals. Process similar to that above.

Option 2:

1. GC prepares submittal. Official numbering scheme to be as submitted by the GC. To include:
  - a. Paper version of the VA Electronic cover document
  - b. GC submittal cover document
  - c. Submittal documents (shop drawings, etc.) usually to include a sub contractor cover document.
  - d. The number of copies will be as agreed at the Notice to Proceed meeting. Typically the number required is the number desired back by the GC plus four (consider if there is an outside engineer sub to the A/E who may want a copy).
2. GC sends copies of the submittal by Fed Ex Next Day (or equal) to all parties as agreed in the NTP meeting. Typically to include One for VA CO; One for VA COTR; multiple to cover A/E and subs.

The date RECEIVED starts the clock on the date of submittal.

3. A/E (including sub-consultants) begins immediate review of the paper submittal upon receipt.
4. Upon A/E completion of review - A/E returns (by Fed Ex Next Day (or equal) complete submittal package to the COTR with stamp or signature on EACH hard copy of the cover document and any comments entered ON each hard copy cover document OR directly on each copy of the shop drawings. If comments are located on the submittal drawings - an A/E stamp is also required thereon. All copies of the submittal must be marked up with all comments and signatures/stamps. Mark ups to be in RED. A/E will keep one copy (plus if agreed in advance, engineer sub to A/E may also keep one copy) and return the remaining copies (By Fed Ex Next Day or equal) to COTR.
5. COTR reviews the comments from A/E and adds any VA specific comments; then stamps and signs the hard copy of each cover document. COTR returns all copies to VA Construction Clerk.
6. VA Construction Clerk will file one copy for the VA FMS file. One copy is sent by internal mail to the CO; all other copies will be returned to the General Contractor by Fed Ex Next Day or equal. Date of mailing by Fed Ex (before 3pm) plus one calendar day will be logged as the date for submittal returned. CO will post the return of submittal date on the official submittal log .

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**SECTION 07 24 00**  
**EXTERIOR INSULATION AND FINISH SYSTEMS**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

Exterior Finish Systems specified in this section consist of a Direct Exterior Finish Systems (DEFS), Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) all of which are applied over existing board sheathing.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

**1.3 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Test Reports and Manufacturer's Literature
  - 1. Manufacturer's literature and instructions for installation of the system. Include manufacturer's recommended details for corner treatment, sills, soffits, dentils, quoins, lintels, openings and other special applications.
  - 2. Summary of test results by the Exterior Finish System manufacturer to substantiate compliance with the specified performance requirements. Furnish complete test reports as required.
  - 3. Statement by Exterior Finish System manufacturer that all components of the system proposed for use on this project are approved by that manufacturer.
  - 4. Statement by the Installer of the Exterior Finish System that they are experienced with the installation, having done at least three (3) projects using this system and can furnish names and locations of these projects if required.

**1.4 DELIVERY AND STORAGE**

- A. Deliver materials in unopened packages with manufacturer's labels intact, legible and grade seals unbroken.
- B. Store and handle in strict compliance with manufacturer's instructions. Protect from damage.
- C. Remove from premises any damaged or deteriorated material.

**1.5 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

Unless a higher temperature is required by the system manufacturer, the ambient air temperature shall be 7 degrees Celsius (45 degrees F) or greater and rising at the time of installation of the system and shall

be predicted to remain at 7 degrees Celsius (45 degrees F) or greater for at least 24 hours after installation.

#### 1.6 WARRANTY

Exterior Finish system shall be warranted against water leakage past the weather resistive barrier and other defects in materials and workmanship, and shall be subject to the terms of Article "Warranty of Construction", FAR clause 52.246-21, except that the warranty period shall be ten years.

#### 1.7 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
- B117-09.....Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus
  - C67-09.....Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay  
Tile
  - C177-10.....Steady-State Heat Flux measurements and Thermal  
Transmission Properties by Means of the  
Guarded-Hot-Plate Apparatus
  - C297-10.....Flatwise Tensile Strength of Sandwich  
Constructions
  - C578-10.....Rigid, Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation
  - C666-03(R2008).....Resistance of Concrete to Rapid Freezing and  
Thawing
  - C920-11.....Elastomeric Joint Sealants
  - D968-10.....Abrasion Resistance of Organic Coatings by  
Falling Abrasive
  - D2794-93(R2010).....Resistance of Organic Coatings to the Effects  
of Rapid Deformation (Impact)
  - E84-10.....Surface Burning Characteristics of Building  
Materials
  - E96-10.....Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
  - E108-10.....Fire Tests of Roof Coverings
  - E330-02(R2010).....Structural Performance of Exterior Windows,  
Curtain Walls, and Doors by Uniform Static Air  
Pressure Difference

E331-00.....Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Curtain  
Walls, and Doors by Uniform Static Air Pressure  
Difference

G90-10.....Accelerated Outdoor Weathering of Nonmetallic  
Materials Using Concentrated Natural Sunlight

C. Exterior Insulation Manufacturers Association (EIMA)

101.86-1992.....Resistance of Exterior Insulation and Finish  
Systems to the Effects of Rapid Deformation  
(Impact)

**PART 2 PRODUCTS**

**2.3 EXTERIOR INSULATION AND FINISH SYSTEM (EIFS)**

A. Description: The PB system consists of Type I molded rigid polystyrene insulation adhesively adhered to the sheathing and finished with a glass-fiber-mesh reinforced based-coat and a textured finish coat.

B. Performance Requirements:

TEST	TEST METHOD	REQUIREMENT
Flame Spread (Test samples shall include base coat, fabric, finish mounted on non-combustible substrate)	ASTM E84	Flame spread of 25 or less. Smoke developed rating 450 or less.
Full Scale Wall Fire Test	ASTM E108	No significant surface flaming or propagation of vertical or lateral flames
Impact Resistance (Sample shall be cured. Finish, base coat and fabric over 25mm (1 inch) insulation typical of project application)	EIMA 101.86 (Hemispherical Head Test)	//Standard Impact Resistance// 2.83 to 5.54J (25-49 inch-lbs) Medium Impact Resistance// 5.65 to 10.1J 50-89 inch lbs
		High Impact Resistance// 10.2 to 17J (90-150 inch-lbs) Ultra High Impact Resistance// Over 17.1J (Over 150 inch-lbs.) - No broken reinforcing fabric
Structural Performance (Test panels 1200 mm x 1200 mm (4 feet by 4 feet) typical of project application)	ASTM E330	No permanent deformation, delamination or deterioration for positive and negative pressures as required.
Water Penetration	ASTM E331	No Water penetration
Abrasion Resistance	ASTM D968	500 liters of sand-slight smoothing - no loss of film integrity
Accelerated Weathering	ASTM G90	2000 hours. No deterioration
Salt Spray Resistance	ASTM B117	Withstand 300 hours. No deleterious effects.
Water Vapor	ASTM E96	Not more than 18 grains an hour per square foot.
Absorption-Freeze-Thaw (Pre-weighed 100 mm x 200 mm (4" by 8") specimens; 25 mm (1") insulation, faced with finish coat cured and stored in air; tested with edges and back open.)	ASTM C67 50 Cycles: 20 hrs. at - 9 deg C ; 4-hr. thaw in water	After 50 cycles - Total weight gain of not more than 6.2 grams. No checking splitting, or cracking.

- C. Adhesive: Manufacturers standard product including primer as required compatible with sheathing.
- D. Insulation:
  - 1. Thermal Resistance: Thermal resistance (R-value), as indicated, measured by ASTM C177.
  - 2. Insulating Material: ASTM C578, as recommended by EIFS manufacturer and treated to be compatible with EIFS components. Age insulation a minimum of 6 weeks prior to installation.
  - 3. Provide Type I Molded Expanded Polystyrene (MEPS) insulation board for Type PB systems, in sizes as required except no larger than 600 mm X 1200 mm (24 X 48 inches) boards, and not more than 100 mm (4 inches) in thickness.
- E. Create a means of drainage between the insulation board and cement board sheathing.
- F. All penetrations and terminations shall be flashed.
- G. Mechanical Anchors: As recommended by the EIFS manufacturer.
- H. Accessories: Conform to the recommendations of the EIFS manufacturer, including trim, edging, anchors, expansion joints, and other items required for proper installation of the EIFS. All metal items and fasteners to be corrosion resistant.
- I. Reinforcing Fabric: Balanced, open weave, glass fiber fabric made from twisted multi-end strands specifically treated for compatibility with the other materials of the system. Minimum weight 4.3 oz/sq. yd.
- J. Base Coat: For PB system, manufacturer's standard product. Minimum thickness of 1-1/2 times reinforcing fabric thickness but not less than 2.4 mm (3/32 inches) wet thickness.
- K. Finish Coat: For PB system, manufacturer's standard product. Minimum thickness 1.6 mm (1/16 inch), complying with Performance Requirements in paragraph B.
- L. Sealant: ASTM C 920; material having a minimum joint movement of 50% with 100% recovery. Type, grade and use shall be as recommended by the sealant manufacturer. When required, primer, bond breaker and backer rods shall be non-staining as recommended by the sealant manufacturer. Do not use absorptive materials as backer rods.

**PART 3 EXECUTION****3.1 INSPECTION**

Examine substrate, opening supports and conditions under which this work is to be performed. Notify Resident Engineer in writing of conditions detrimental to the proper completion of this work. Do not proceed with work until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

**3.2 CONTROL JOINTS**

- A. Exterior Insulation and Finish System. Install at 15 meters (50 feet) maximum in both directions and at building expansion joints, floor lines and where EIFS intersects other materials per manufacturer's recommendations.

**3.3 SEALANTS:**

- A. Apply according to manufacturer's recommendations and the following:  
 B. Exterior Insulation and Finish System: Apply sealant per EIFS manufacturer's recommendation. Do not seal locations intended for water drainage.

**3.4 ACCESSORIES:**

Install according to manufacturer's recommendation.

**3.5 FINISH:**

- A. EXTERIOR INSULATION AND FINISH SYSTEM:
1. Insulation Board: Place horizontally from level base line. Stagger vertical joints and interlock at corners. Butt joints tightly. Provide flush surfaces at joints. Offset insulation board joints from joints in sheathing by at least 200 mm (8 inches). Do not align joints with corners of doors, windows and other openings. Do not leave insulation board exposed longer than recommended by insulation manufacturer.
  2. Mechanical Fasteners: Fasten with manufacturer's standard anchors, spaced as recommended by manufacturer, but not more than 600 mm (2 feet) horizontally and vertically.

**3.6 CLEAN UP:**

Upon completion, remove all scaffolding, equipment, materials and debris from site. Remove all temporary protection installed to facilitate installation of system.

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SECTION 07250  
WEATHER BARRIER

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Sheet applied weather barrier and related accessories for wall air/moisture barrier system.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 07210 - Insulation: Exterior wall insulation.
- B. Section 07460 - Siding: Wall finish and primary weather barrier.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) 127 - Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure Test.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) E-96 - Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials.
- C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D1117 - Standard Guide for Evaluating Nonwoven Fabrics.
- D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D3330 - Standard Test Method for Peel Adhesion of Pressure-Sensitive Tape1.
- E. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D3759 - Standard Test Method for Tensile Strength and Elongation of Pressure-Sensitive Tapes.
- F. PSTC-1 - Peel Adhesion of Single Coated Pressure-Sensitive Tapes at 180 Degree Angle.
- G. TAPPI T-460 - Porosity - Gurley.

1.4 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

- A. The airtight components and secondary moisture protection of the building enclosure and the joints, junctures and transitions between materials, products, and assemblies forming the air-tightness and moisture barrier of the building enclosure are called "the air/moisture barrier system". Services include coordination between the trades, the proper scheduling and sequencing of the work, preconstruction meetings, inspections, tests, and related actions, including reports performed by Contractor, by independent agencies, and by governing authorities. They do not include contract enforcement activities performed by the Architect.
- B. Air Barrier Penetrations: All penetrations of the air/moisture barrier and paths of air infiltration / exfiltration through the air/moisture barrier system shall be made air-tight.
- C. Moisture Barrier Penetrations: All penetrations of the air/moisture barrier and paths of water migration through the air/moisture barrier system shall be made water

shedding.

## 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section 01300.
- B. Product Data: Manufacturer's data sheets on each product to be used, including:
  - 1. Preparation instructions and recommendations.
  - 2. Storage and handling requirements and recommendations.
  - 3. Installation methods.

## 1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experience with installation of similar products.

## 1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Store products in manufacturer's unopened packaging until ready for installation.
- B. Do not store in direct sunlight. Weather barrier shall be stored in a covered area. Do not expose to building site chemicals.
- C. Store and dispose of solvent-based materials, and materials used with solvent-based materials, in accordance with requirements of local authorities having jurisdiction.

## 1.8 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Anticipate environmental conditions and schedule installation when conditions are within limits recommended by manufacturer for optimum results. Do not install products under environmental conditions outside manufacturer's absolute limits.

## 1.9 WARRANTY

- A. Product Warranty: Limited product warranty against manufacturing defects.
  - 1. HardieWrap Weather Barrier and related products for 10 years.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Acceptable Manufacturer: James Hardie Building Products, Inc., which is located at: 26300 La Alameda Suite 400 ; Mission Viejo, CA 92691; Toll Free Tel: 866-274-3464; Tel: 949-367-4980; Email: [request info \(info@jameshardie.com\)](mailto:info@jameshardie.com); Web: [www.jameshardiecommercial.com](http://www.jameshardiecommercial.com)
- B. Requests for approval of equal substitutions will be considered in accordance with provisions of Section 01600.

### 2.2 WEATHER BARRIER SYSTEM

- A. Moisture Air Barrier Sheet:
  - 1. Product: HardieWrap Weather Barrier as manufactured by James Hardie Building Systems.
  - 2. Composition: Non-woven, non-perforated polyolefin.
  - 3. Film: MicroTech Coating with micropores to balance water holdout and breathability.

4. Thickness: 11 mil (0.28 mm).
  5. UV Stability: Up to 180 days.
  6. Water Holdout (AATCC127): 128 inches (3250 mm).
  7. Breathability/Water Vapor Permeance (ASTM E-96A): 15 perms.
  8. Air Resistance (TAPPI T-460): >1800 sec/100 cc.
  9. Tear Strength (ASTM D1117): 15 to 18 lb (6.8 to 8.2 kg).
  10. Basis Weight: 19.4 lbs/1000 sf (9.5 kgs/100 sm).
  11. Sizes: 3 feet by 195 feet (914 mm by 59.4 m), 9 feet by 100 feet (2743 mm by 30.5 m), 9 feet by 150 feet (2743 mm by 45.7 m), 10 feet by 100 feet (3048 mm by 30.5 m), 10 feet by 150 feet (3048 mm by 45.7 m).
- B. Self-adhering Flashing: Designed for peel and stick application.
1. Product: HardieWrap Flashing as manufactured by James Hardie Building Systems.
  2. Composition: Butyl rubber adhesive non-woven polyolefin backing; coated Kraft paper release.
  3. Total Thickness: 25 mil (0.64 mm).
  4. UV Stability: Up to 180 days.
  5. Application Temperature: 30 degree F to 180 degree F (-1 degree C to 82 degree C).
  6. Operating Temperature: -30 degree F to 200 degree F (-34 degree C to 93 degree C).
  7. Packaging: Individually shrink-wrapped.
  8. Roll Weight: 4 inch (102 mm) = 4.6 lb (2 kg)/roll, 6 inches (152 mm) = 6.9 lb (3 kg) /roll, 9 inches (229 mm) = 9.9 lb (4.5 kg)/roll.
  9. Provide Width for Application Required: 4 inches by 100 feet (102 mm by 30.5 m) (2x4 construction), 6 inches by 100 feet (152 mm by 30.5 m) (2x4 construction), 9 inches by 100 feet (229 mm by 30.5) (2x6 construction).
- C. Flexible Flashing:
1. Product: HardieWrap Flex Flashing as manufactured by James Hardie Building Systems.
  2. Composition: Butyl rubber adhesive; creped cross-laminated polyolefin backing; polyethylene film release.
  3. Total Thickness: 60 mil (1.5 mm).
  4. Tensile Strength (ASTM D3759): 18 lb/inch (3.2kg/cm).
  5. UV Stability: Up to 180 days.
  6. Water Vapor Transfer Rate (ASTM E96-94): <.2g/100 square inches/24hrs.
  7. Application Temperature: 30 degree F to 180 degree F (-1 degree C to 82 degree C).
  8. Operating Temperature: -30 degree F to 200 degree F (-34 degree C to 93 degree C).
  9. Packaging: Each roll is packed in a convenient dispenser box
  10. Roll Weight: 6 inches (152 mm) = 22.2 lb (10kg)/roll, 9 inches (229 mm) = 33.3 lb (15 kg)/roll.
  11. Provide Width for Application Required: 6 inches by 75 feet (152 mm by 23.9 m) (2x4 construction), 9 inches by 75 feet (229 mm by 23.9) (2x6 construction).
- D. Seam Tape:
1. HardieWrap Seam Tape as manufactured by James Hardie Building Systems.
  2. Composition: Polypropylene film coated with acrylic adhesive Total Thickness: 3.0 mil (.08 mm).
  3. Adhesion Peel to HardieWrap (PSTC-1): 22 oz/inch (25 N/100 mm).
  4. Tensile Strength (ASTM D3759): 32 lb/in (.58 kg/mm).
  5. Elongation: 136 percent.

6. UV Stability: Up to 90 days.
7. Application Temperature: 30 degree F to 180 degree F (-1 degree C to 82 degree C).
8. Operating Temperature: -30 degree F to 200 degree F (-34 degree C to 93 degree C).
9. Packaging: Individually shrink-wrapped.
10. Roll Weight: 1 lb(0.5 kg)/roll.
11. Roll Size: 1-7/8 inches (43 mm) by 165 feet (50 m).

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Do not begin installation until substrates have been properly prepared.

### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Clean surfaces thoroughly prior to installation.
- B. Prepare surfaces using the methods recommended by the manufacturer for achieving the best result for the substrate under the project conditions.
- C. Weather barrier shall be installed before window and door installation. Do not install on saturated sheathing. Weather barrier can become slippery and should not be used in any application where it may be walked on.
- D. Weather barrier shall be installed on vertical wall applications only.
- E. Manufacturer warrants weather barrier sheet only when covered within 180 days of its installation.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Moisture Air Barrier Sheet:
  1. Weather barrier shall be installed before window and door installation. Do not install on saturated sheathing. Weather barrier can become slippery and should not be used in any application where it may be walked on.
  2. Begin by affixing weather barrier extending at least 6 inches (152 mm) around a building corner. Unroll horizontally (with print side facing out) around the building covering rough window and door openings.
  3. Fasten to studs or nailable sheathing material with galvanized construction grade staples a maximum of 18 inches (457 mm) in the vertical and horizontal direction.
  4. Attach weather barrier so that it is taut and flat. The vertical overlap shall have a minimum of 6 inches (152 mm) and the vertical seam shall be taped.
  5. Assure that the bottom edge of the weather barrier extends over the sill plate and foundation interface by at least 1 inch (25 mm).
  6. Overlap upper layers of weather barrier (in shingle lap fashion) by a minimum of 6 inches below the horizontal edge, and tape the horizontal seam line.
  7. At roof to wall intersection (or wall to deck), affix wrap to the wall such that it overlaps any step flashing already in place on the wall by at least 2 inches (51 mm).
- B. Flexible Flashing:
  1. Windows and Doors: Weather barrier is not designed nor guaranteed as a flashing material to prevent moisture or air from intruding behind weather barrier. Verify that flashing has previously been installed around all windows

and door openings. Install flexible flashing per manufacturer's instructions.

- a. Use the inverted "Y" cut method at rough window and door openings. Do not place fasteners within 9 inches (229 mm) of the rough opening, door or window heads. This area shall not be fastened to allow for proper head flashing installation. At the top corners of the rough opening, cut the weather barrier at 45 degree to extend 9 inches (229 mm) past the joint.
  - b. Fold the top flap up and out of the way and fasten temporarily.
  - c. Fold the remaining three flaps in through the opening fastening them inside the opening with staples.
2. Rough Electrical and Plumbing Penetrations: Seal with a double layer of flashing. Install the top flashing piece over the bottom flashing piece overlapping flashing layers to cover flashing cut-out necessary for placement around penetration.
- C. Repairs: For minor punctures or tears, less than 3 inches (76 mm), cover and completely seal with seam tape. For larger holes, greater than 3 inches (76 mm), use slit flashing technique.
- a. Slit flashing requires making a horizontal slit above the damaged area and placing a cut piece of weather barrier into the slit, covering the damaged area. Tape the perimeter of the patched area.

#### 3.4 PROTECTION

- A. Protect installed products until completion of project.
- B. Touch-up, repair or replace damaged products before Substantial Completion.

END OF SECTION

## SECTION 07461

### SIDING

#### PART 1 GENERAL

##### 1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Fiber cement lap siding, panels, single, trim, fascia, moulding and accessories, James Hardie HZ5 Engineered for Climate Siding.
- B. Factory-finished fiber cement lap siding, panels, single, trim, fascia, moulding and accessories, James Hardie HZ5 Engineered for Climate Siding.

##### 1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 07210 - Insulation: Exterior wall insulation.

##### 1.3 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM C1186 - Standard Specification for Flat Fiber-Cement Sheets
- B. ASTM D3359 - Standard Test Method for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test, Tool and Tape.
- C. ASTM E136 - Standard Test Method for Behavior of Materials in a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750 degrees C.

##### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section 01300.
- B. Product Data: Manufacturer's data sheets on each product to be used, including:
  - 1. Preparation instructions and recommendations.
  - 2. Storage and handling requirements and recommendations.
  - 3. Installation methods.
- C. Shop Drawings: Provide detailed drawings of atypical non-standard applications of cementitious siding materials which are outside the scope of the standard details and specifications provided by the manufacturer.
- D. Selection Samples: For each finish product specified, two complete sets of color chips representing manufacturer's full range of available colors and patterns.
- E. Verification Samples: For each finish product specified, two samples, minimum size 4 by 6 inches (100 by 150 mm), representing actual product, color, and patterns.

##### 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experience with installation of similar products.

##### 1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Store products in manufacturer's unopened packaging until ready for installation.

- B. Store siding on edge or lay flat on a smooth level surface. Protect edges and corners from chipping. Store sheets under cover and keep dry prior to installing.
- C. Store and dispose of solvent-based materials, and materials used with solvent-based materials, in accordance with requirements of local authorities having jurisdiction.

## 1.7 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Maintain environmental conditions (temperature, humidity, and ventilation) within limits recommended by manufacturer for optimum results. Do not install products under environmental conditions outside manufacturer's absolute limits.

## 1.8 WARRANTY

- A. Product Warranty: Limited, non-pro-rated product warranty.
  - 1. HardiePlank HZ5 lap siding for 30 years.
  - 2. Artisan HZ5 lap siding for 30 years.
- B. Finish Warranty: Limited product warranty against manufacturing finish defects.
  - 1. When used for its intended purpose, properly installed and maintained according to James Hardie's published installation instructions, James Hardie's ColorPlus finish with ColorPlus Technology, for a period of 15 years from the date of purchase: will not peel; will not crack; and will not chip. Finish warranty includes the coverage for labor and material.
- C. Workmanship Warranty: Application limited warranty for 2 years.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Acceptable Manufacturer: James Hardie Building Products, Inc., which is located at: 26300 La Alameda Suite 400 ; Mission Viejo, CA 92691; Toll Free Tel: 866-274-3464; Tel: 949-367-4980; Email: [request info \(info@jameshardie.com\)](mailto:info@jameshardie.com); Web: [www.jameshardiecommercial.com](http://www.jameshardiecommercial.com)
- B. Requests for approval of equal substitutions will be considered in accordance with provisions of Section 01600.

### 2.2 SIDING

- A. HardiePlank HZ5 lap siding, HardiPanel HZ5 vertical siding, HardieSoffit HZ5 panels and HardieShingle HZ5 siding requirement for Materials:
  - 1. Fiber-cement Siding - complies with ASTM C 1186 Type A Grade II.
  - 2. Fiber-cement Siding - complies with ASTM E 136 as a noncombustible material.
  - 3. Fiber-cement Siding - complies with ASTM E 84 Flame Spread Index = 0, Smoke Developed Index = 5.
  - 4. CAL-FIRE, Fire Engineering Division Building Materials Listing - Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Listed Product.
  - 5. National Evaluation Report No. NER 405 (BOCA, ICBO, SBCCI, IBC, IRC).
  - 6. City of Los Angeles, Research Report No. 24862.
  - 7. Miami Dade County, Florida Notice of Acceptance 07-0418.04.
  - 8. US Department of Housing and Urban Development Materials Release 1263d.
  - 9. California DSA PA-019.
  - 10. City of New York M EA 223-93-M.

11. Florida State Product Approval FL889.
  12. Texas Department of Insurance Product Evaluation EC-23.
- B. Artisan HZ5 lap siding requirement for Materials:
1. Fiber-cement Siding - complies with ASTM C 1186 Type A Grade II.
  2. Fiber-cement Siding - complies with ASTM E 136 as a noncombustible material.
  3. Fiber-cement Siding - complies with ASTM E 84 Flame Spread Index = 0, Smoke Developed Index = 5.
  4. Warnock Hersey Product Listing.
  5. CAL-FIRE, Fire Engineering Division Building Materials Listing - Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Listed Product.
  6. Florida State Product Approval FL10477.
  7. Miami Dade County, Florida Notice of Acceptance 08-0514.11.
  8. Texas Department of Insurance Product Evaluation EC-55.
  9. Manufacturer's Technical Data Sheet.
- C. Lap Siding: HardiePlank HZ5 Lap siding with a sloped top, beveled drip edge and nailing line as manufactured by James Hardie Building Products, Inc.
1. Type: Smooth 7-1/4 inches (184 mm) with 6 inches (152 mm) exposure.

## 2.3 FINISHES

- A. Factory Finish: Refer to Exterior Finish Schedule.
1. Product: ColorPlus Technology by James Hardie.
  2. Definition: Factory applied finish; defined as a finish applied in the same facility and company that manufactures the siding substrate.
  3. Process:
    - a. Factory applied finish by fiber cement manufacturer in a controlled environment within the fiber cement manufacturer's own facility utilizing a multi-coat, heat cured finish within one manufacturing process.
    - b. Each finish color must have documented color match to delta E of 0.5 or better between product lines, manufacturing lots or production runs as measured by photospectrometer and verified by third party.
  4. Protection: Factory applied finish protection such as plastic laminate that is removed once siding is installed
  5. Accessories: Complete finishing system includes pre-packaged touch-up kit provided by fiber cement manufacturer. Provide quantities as recommended by manufacturer.
- B. Factory Finish Color for Trim, Soffit and Siding Colors:
1. Arctic White JH10-20.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Do not begin installation until substrates have been properly prepared.

### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Clean surfaces thoroughly prior to installation.
- B. Prepare surfaces using the methods recommended by the manufacturer for achieving the best result for the substrate under the project conditions.
- C. Install a water-resistive barrier is required in accordance with local building code

requirements.

- D. The water-resistive barrier must be appropriately installed with penetration and junction flashing in accordance with local building code requirements.
- E. Install Engineered for Climate™ HardieWrap™ weather barrier in accordance with local building code requirements.
- F. Use HardieWrap™ Seam Tape and joint and laps.
- G. Install HardieWrap™ flashing, and HardieWrap™ Flex Flashing

### 3.3 INSTALLATION - HARDIEPLANK HZ5 LAP SIDING AND ARTISAN HZ5 LAP SIDING

- A. Install materials in strict accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions.
- B. Starting: Install a minimum 1/4 inch (6 mm) thick lath starter strip at the bottom course of the wall. Apply planks horizontally with minimum 1-1/4 inches (32 mm) wide laps at the top. The bottom edge of the first plank overlaps the starter strip.
- C. Allow minimum vertical clearance between the edge of siding and any other material in strict accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- D. Align vertical joints of the planks over framing members.
- E. Maintain clearance between siding and adjacent finished grade.
- F. Locate splices at least one stud cavity away from window and door openings.
- G. Wind Resistance: Where a specified level of wind resistance is required Hardieplank lap siding is installed to framing members and secured with fasteners described in Table No. 2 in National Evaluation Service Report No. NER-405.
- H. Locate splices at least 12 inches (305 mm) away from window and door openings.

### 3.4 PROTECTION

- A. Protect installed products until completion of project.
- B. Touch-up, repair or replace damaged products before Substantial Completion.

END OF SECTION

**SECTION 08 52 00**  
**WOOD WINDOWS**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. Fiberglass clad wood windows of type and size to match existing openings with minimal changes to building appearance to existing openings.
- B. Types:
  - 1. Double Hung
  - 2. Fixed

**1.2 DEFINITIONS**

- A. Accessories: Hardware, glazing, mullions, specified anchors, fasteners, weather-stripping, insect screens, mechanical operators, and other necessary components required for fabrication and installation of window units.
- B. Uncontrolled Water: Water not drained to the exterior, or water appearing on the room side of the window.

**1.3 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

- A. Protect windows from damage during handling and construction operations before, during and after installation.
- B. Store windows under cover, setting upright.
- C. Do not stack windows flat.
- D. Do not lay building materials or equipment on windows.

**1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Approval by contracting officer is required of products or service of proposed manufacturers and installers.
- B. Approval will be based on submission of certification by Contractor that:
  - 1. Manufacturer regularly and presently manufactures the specified windows as one of its principal products.
  - 2. Installer has technical qualifications, experience, trained personnel and facilities to install specified items.
- C. Provide windows produced from one source of manufacture.
- D. Quality Certified Labels or certificate:
  - 1. American Architectural Manufacturers Association, "AAMA label" affixed to each window indicating compliance with specification.
  - 2. Certificates in lieu of label with copy of recent test report (not more than 4 years old) from an independent testing laboratory and

certificate signed by window manufacturer stating that windows provided comply with specified requirements and AAMA 101/I.S.2 for type of window specified.

**1.5 SUBMITTAL**

- A. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
  - 1. Window and glazing.
  - 2. Sash locks, keepers, and key.
- B. Certificates:
  - 1. Certificates as specified in paragraph QUALITY ASSURANCE.
  - 2. Indicating manufacturers and installers qualifications.
  - 3. Manufacturer's Certification that windows delivered to project are identical to windows tested.

**1.6 WARRANTY**

Warrant windows against malfunctions due to defects in thermal breaks, hardware, materials and workmanship, subject to the terms of Article "WARRANTY OF CONSTRUCTION", FAR clause 52.246-21, except provide 10 year warranty period.

**1.7 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
  - 90.1-04.....Energy Standard of Buildings
- C. American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA):
  - 101/I.S.2/A440-05.....Windows, Doors, and Unit Skylights
  - 505-98.....Dry Shrinkage and Composite Performance Thermal Cycling Test Procedures
  - 613.....Performance Requirements and Test Procedures for Organic Coatings on Plastic Profiles
  - TIR-A8-04.....Structural Performance of Poured and Debridged Framing Systems
- E. National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC):
  - NFRC 100-04.....Determining Fenestration Product U-Factors
  - NFRC 200-04.....Determining Fenestration Product Solar Heat Gain Coefficient and Visible Transmittance at Normal Incidence

**PART 2- PRODUCTS**

**2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. Window Units; Double Hung and Fixed.
- B. Window exterior: Wood
- C. Window interior: Primer and 2 coats of latex paint to match existing.
- D. Insect Screening:
  - 1. Regular mesh, 18 by 16, AAMA 101/I.S.2.
  - 2. Aluminum with specified finish unless specified otherwise.
- E. Fasteners: AAMA 101/I.S.2. Screws, bolts, nuts, rivets and other fastening devices to be non-magnetic stainless steel.
- F. Weather-strips: AAMA 101/I.S.2.
- G. Hardware:
  - 1. Locks: High pressure zinc die-cast cam lock and keeper.
  - 2. Balance System: Coil spring block and tackle with nylon cord and glass filled nylon shoe and steel locking clutch.
  - 3. Tilt latches: Spring loaded for release of sash.
- H. Glazing:
  - 1. Triple pane insulated glass with Low E coating, argon filled glass units
- I. Simulated Divided Lites: 7/8" wide, pattern to match existing.

**2.2 THERMAL AND CONDENSATION PERFORMANCE**

- A. Thermal Transmittance:
  - 1. Maximum U value class for insulating glass windows: 24 (U=0.24).
- B. Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC): SHGC shall comply with State or local energy code requirement.
- C. Visible light transmittance: Minimum .40.

**2.3 FABRICATION**

- A. Fabrication to exceed or meet requirements of Physical Load Tests, Air Infiltration Test, and Water Resistance Test of AAMA 101/I.S.2.
- B. Glazing:
  - 1. Factory glazing
- C. Insect Screens:
  - 1. AAMA 101/I.S.2.
  - 2. Aluminum.

**2.6 FINISH**

- A. Wood Factory primed and final painting on site.
- B. Hardware: Finish hardware exposed when window is in the closed position: Brushed stainless steel.

C. Exterior: Painted with exterior grade latex.

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 PROTECTION (DISSIMILAR MATERIALS): AAMA 101/I.S.2.**

#### **3.2 INSTALLATION, GENERAL**

- A. Install window units in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and recommendations for installation of window units, hardware, operators and other components of work. Install with manufacturers own preformed window sill pan flashing with jamb upturns of 4" min.
- B. Where type, size or spacing of fastenings for securing window accessories or equipment to building construction is not shown or specified, use expansion or toggle bolts or screws, as best suited to construction material.
  - 1. Provide bolts or screws minimum 6 mm (1/4-inch) in diameter.
  - 2. Sized and spaced to resist the tensile and shear loads imposed.
  - 3. Do not use exposed fasteners on exterior, except when unavoidable for application of hardware.
  - 4. Provide non-magnetic stainless steel Phillips flat-head machine screws for exposed fasteners, where required, or special tamper-proof fasteners.
  - 5. Locate fasteners to not disturb the thermal break construction of windows.
- C. Set windows plumb, level, true, and in alignment; without warp or rack of frames or sash.
- D. Anchor windows on four sides with anchor clips or fin trim.
  - 1. Do not allow anchor clips to bridge thermal breaks.
  - 2. Use separate clips for each side of thermal breaks.
  - 3. Make connections to allow for thermal and other movements.
  - 4. Do not allow building load to bear on windows.
  - 5. Use manufacturer's standard clips at corners and not over 600 mm (24 inches) on center.
  - 6. Where fin trim anchorage is shown build into adjacent construction, anchoring at corners and not over 600 mm (24 inches) on center.

#### **3.3 CLOSURES, TRIM, AND SEALING**

- A. Closures, Trim, and Panning: External corners mitered and internal corners coped, fitted with hairline, tightly closed joints.
- B. Screwed to wood or metal.
- C. Seal units and fill cavity with low expansion foam following installation to provide weathertight system.

- D. Connect building barrier to window with self adhesive flashing membrane and sealant for complete air/ vapor barrier assembly. See section 07 13 10 air and vapor barriers for product requirements.

#### **3.4 ADJUST AND CLEAN**

- A. Adjust ventilating units and hardware to provide tight fit at contact points, and at weather-stripping for smooth operation and weathertight closure.
- B. Clean aluminum surfaces promptly after installation of windows, exercising care to avoid damage to protective coatings and finishes.
- C. Remove excess glazing and sealant compounds, dirt, and other substances.
- D. Lubricate hardware and moving parts.
- E. Clean glass promptly after installation of windows. Remove glazing and sealant compound, dirt and other substances.
- F. Except when a window is being adjusted or tested, keep locked in the closed position during the progress of work on the project.

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**SECTION 23 72 00**  
**AIR-TO-AIR ENERGY RECOVERY EQUIPMENT**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

This Section specifies air-to-air plate heat exchangers.

**1.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Refer to paragraph, GUARANTEE in specification Section 00 72 00, GENERAL CONDITIONS.
- B. Refer to specification Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS for performance tests and instructions to VA personnel.
- C. Refer to paragraph QUALITY ASSURANCE in specification Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC.
- D. Performance Criteria: Heat recovery equipment shall be provided by a manufacturer who has been manufacturing such equipment and the equipment has a good track record for at least 3 years.
- E. Performance Test: In accordance with PART 3.

**1.3 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
  - 1. Heat Pipe Heat Exchanger
  - 2. Rotary Heat Exchanger
  - 3. Plate Heat Exchanger
  - 4. Run-Around Energy Recovery System
- C. Submit type, size, arrangement and performance details. Present application ratings in the form of tables, charts or curves.
- E. Provide installation, operating and maintenance instructions, in accordance with Article, INSTRUCTIONS, in Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- F. Completed System Readiness Checklists provided by the Commissioning Agent and completed by the contractor, signed by a qualified technician and dated on the date of completion, in accordance with the requirements of Section 23 08 00 COMMISSIONING OF HVAC SYSTEMS.

**1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)  
 AHRI 1060-2005.....Performance Rating of Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers  
 for Energy Recovery Ventilation Equipment

- C. American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE):
  - 15-10.....Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems (ANSI)
  - 52.1-92.....Gravimetric and Dust-Spot Procedures for Testing Air-Cleaning Devices Used in General Ventilation for Removing Particulate Matter
  - 52.2-07.....Method of Testing General Ventilation Air-Cleaning Devices for Removal Efficiency by Particle Size
  - 84-08.....Method of Testing Air-to-Air Heat/Energy Exchangers
- D. American Society for Testing and materials (ASTM)
  - D635-10.....Standard Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Plastics in a Horizontal Position
  - E84-10.....Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
- E. American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
  - ASCE 7-10.....Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures
- F. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc (UL)
  - 1812-2009.....Standard for Ducted Heat Recovery Ventilators
  - 1815-2009.....Standard for Nonducted Heat Recovery Ventilators

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 AIR-TO-AIR HEAT EXCHANGER**

- A. Cabinet
  - 1. Cabinet shall be constructed of G90 galvanized, 20 gauge steel sheet steel with lapped corners. All exposed surfaces shall be coated with baked powder paint. All seams shall be sealed, requiring no caulking at job site.
  - 2. Unit casing shall be insulated with 25mm (1 inch) fiberglass with FSK facing or 25mm (1 inch) foil-faced high density polystyrene foam for condensation control. The flame spread index of the insulation material shall not be over 25 and its smoke developed index shall not be over 50 when tested in accordance with the Standard for Tests for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Material, UL723. Insulation shall be secured to unit with waterproof adhesive and permanent mechanical fasteners.
- B. Energy Recovery Core

1. The energy recovery core shall be manufactured from a flame-proof/polyester-based synthetic paper which is designed to transfer sensible and latent energy. The flame spread index of the energy recovery core shall not be over 25 and its smoke developed index shall not be over 50 when tested in accordance with the Standard for Tests for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Material, UL723.

#### C. Electrical

1. Electrical box shall be isolated from the airflows and all integral wires and connections protected.
2. All internal electrical components shall be factory wired for single point power connection.
3. All electrical components shall be UL Listed or Recognized and CSA Certified or Accepted where applicable and wired in compliance with the National Electrical Code.
4. Unit should be provided with a multi function control capable of at a minimum time, speed, humidity, and a maintenance indicator.

#### D. Fan Sections & Motors

1. Fans shall be Ebm-Papst backward inclined motorized impellers.
2. Fan motor shall have maintenance-free permanently lubricated sealed ball bearings.
3. Fan motor shall be (TOP) thermal overload protected.
4. Fan motor shall be UL listed to UL1004 and/or UL2111, CSA C22.2 No. 77 and No.100.
5. Fan motor shall have IP protection class 44 according to DIN 40 050.
6. Separate fans for exhaust and supply blowers shall be provided.

#### E. Filters

1. The exhaust and fresh air streams shall both be protected by MERV6 filters constructed to meet UL Class 2

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Follow the equipment manufacturer's instructions for handling and installation, and setting up of ductwork for makeup and exhaust air steamers for maximum efficiency.
- B. Seal ductwork tightly to avoid air leakage.
- C. Install units with adequate spacing and access for cleaning and maintenance of heat recovery coils as well as filters.

**3.2 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL**

- A. Operational Test: Perform tests as per manufacturer's written instructions for proper and safe operation of the heat recovery system.
  - 1. After electrical circuitry has been energized, start units to confirm proper motor rotation and unit operation.
  - 2. Adjust seals and purge.
  - 3. Test and adjust controls and safeties.
- B. Replace damaged and malfunctioning controls and equipment.
- C. Set initial temperature and humidity set points. Set field-adjustable switches and circuit-breaker trip ranges as indicated.

**3.3 INSTRUCTIONS**

Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for one hour to instruct VA personnel in operation and maintenance of heat recovery equipment.

**3.4 DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING**

- A. Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for four hours to instruct VA personnel in operation and maintenance of units.

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**SECTION 23 81 00**  
**DECENTRALIZED UNITARY HVAC EQUIPMENT**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. This section specifies split-systems
- B. Definitions:
  - 1. Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER): The ratio of net cooling capacity is Btu/h to total rate of electricity input in watts under designated operating conditions (Btu hour/Watt).
  - 2. Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER): The ratio of the total cooling output of an air conditioner during its normal annual usage period for cooling in Btu/h divided by total electric energy input in watts during the same period (Btu hour/Watt).
  - 3. Unitary: A Unitary Air Conditioner consists of one or more factory-made assemblies which normally include an evaporator or cooling coil, a compressor and condenser combination, and may include a heating function as well.
  - 4. Where such equipment is provided in more than one assembly the separated assemblies are to be designed to be used together and the requirements of rating are based upon use of matched assemblies.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

- A. Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Requirements for pre-test of equipment: Seismic requirements for non-structural equipment.
- B. Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC: General mechanical requirements and items, which are common to more than one section of Division 23.
- C. Section 23 05 41, NOISE and VIBRATION CONTROL FOR HVAC PIPING and EQUIPMENT: Requirements for different types of vibration isolators and noise ratings in the occupied areas.
- D. Section 23 07 11, HVAC and BOILER PLANT INSULATION: Requirements for piping insulation.
- E. Section 23 23 00, REFRIGERANT PIPING: Requirements for refrigerant pipes and fittings.
- F. Section 23 36 00, AIR TERMINAL UNITS and Section 23 82 00, CONVECTION HEATING and COOLING UNITS: Requirements for other similar units.
- G. Section 23 73 00, INDOOR CENTRAL-STATION AIR-HANDLING UNITS: Requirements for air handling units using chilled water and hot water coils.

- H. Section 23 74 13, PACKAGED, OUTDOOR, CENTRAL-STATION AIR-HANDLING UNITS: Requirements for air handling units using chilled water and hot water coils.
- I. Section 23 40 00, HVAC AIR CLEANING DEVICES: Requirements for air filtration.
- J. Section 23 08 00 - COMMISSIONING OF HVAC SYSTEMS: Requirements for commissioning, systems readiness checklists, and training.

### 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Refer to specification Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC.
- B. Safety Standards: ASHRAE Standard 15, Safety Code for Mechanical Refrigeration.

### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with specification Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, and SAMPLES
- B. Manufacturer's literature and data:
  - 1. Sufficient information, including capacities, pressure drops and piping connections clearly presented, shall be included to determine compliance with drawings and specifications for units noted below:
    - a. Unitary air conditioners:
      - 1) Self-contained units
      - 2) Split systems
      - 3) Rooftop units
    - b. Window air conditioners
    - c. Through-the-wall packaged terminal air conditioning units
    - d. Gas-Fired Furnaces
  - 2. Unit Dimensions required clearances, operating weights accessories and start-up instructions.
  - 3. Electrical requirements, wiring diagrams, interlocking and control wiring showing factory installed and portions to be field installed.
  - 4. Mounting and flashing of the roof curb to the roofing structure with coordinating requirements for the roof membrane system.
- C. Certification: Submit proof of specified ARI Certification.
- D. Performance Rating: Submit catalog selection data showing equipment ratings and compliance with required sensible-to-heat-ratio, energy efficiency ratio (EER), and coefficient of performance (COP).
- E. Operating and Maintenance Manual: Submit three copies of Operating and Maintenance manual to Resident Engineer three weeks prior to final inspection.
- F. Completed System Readiness Checklists provided by the Commissioning Agent and completed by the contractor, signed by a qualified technician

and dated on the date of completion, in accordance with the requirements of Section 23 08 00 COMMISSIONING OF HVAC SYSTEMS.

#### 1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. Federal Specifications (Fed. Spec.):
  - A-A-50502-90..... Air conditioner (Unitary Heat Pump) Air to Air (3000-300,000 Btu)
- C. Military Specifications (Mil. Specs.):
  - MIL-PRF-26915D-06.....Primer Coating, for Steel Surfaces
- D. Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI):
  - 210/240-08.....Performance Rating of Unitary Air-Conditioning and Air-Source Heat Pump Equipment
  - 270-08.....Sound Rating of Outdoor Unitary Equipment
  - 310/380-04.....Standard for Packaged Terminal Air-Conditioners and Heat Pumps (CSA-C744-04)
  - 340/360-07.....Performance Rating of Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Equipment
  - 520-04.....Performance Rating of Positive Displacement Condensing Units
- E. Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA):
  - 210-07.....Laboratory Methods of Testing Fans for Aerodynamic Performance Rating (ANSI)
  - 410-96.....Recommended Safety Practices for Users and Installers of Industrial and Commercial Fans
- F. American National Standards Institute (ANSI):
  - S12.51-02(R2007).....Acoustics - Determination of Sound Power Levels of Noise Sources Using Sound Pressure - Precision Method for Reverberation Rooms (same as ISO 3741:1999)
- G. American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE):
  - 2008 Handbook.....HVAC Systems and Equipment
  - 15-10.....Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems (ANSI)
- H. American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - B117-09.....Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus
- I. American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
  - ASCE 7-10.....Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

- J. National Electrical Manufacturer's Association (NEMA):  
 MG 1-09 (R2010).....Motors and Generators (ANSI)  
 ICS 1-00 (R2005, R2008).Industrial Controls and Systems: General  
 Requirements
- K. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Publications:  
 90A-09.....Standard for the Installation of Air-  
 Conditioning and Ventilating Systems

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 SPLIT-SYSTEM AIR CONDITIONERS**

- A. Description: Factory assembled and tested, wall-mounted unit, with an air-cooled remote condensing unit, and field-installed refrigeration piping.
- B. Concealed Evaporator Components:
1. Chassis: Galvanized steel with flanged edges, removable panels for servicing, and insulation on back of panel.
  2. Insulation: Factory-applied duct liner.
  3. Drain Pans: Galvanized steel, with connection for drain; insulated and complying with ASHRAE 62.1-2007.
  4. Airstream Surfaces: Surfaces in contact with the airstream shall comply with requirements in ASHRAE 62.1-2007.
  5. Refrigerant Coil: Copper tube, with mechanically bonded aluminum fins, complying with AHRI 210/240, and with thermal-expansion valve.
  6. Fan: Forward-curved, double-width wheel of galvanized steel; directly connected to motor.
  7. Disposable Filters: 25 mm (1 inch) thick, in fiberboard frames with MERV rating of 7 or higher according to ASHRAE 52.2.
  8. Wiring Terminations: Connect motor to chassis wiring with plug connection.
- C. Wall-Mounting, Evaporator-Fan Components:
1. Cabinet: Enameled steel with removable panels on front and ends in color selected by Architect, and discharge drain pans with drain connection.
  2. Airstream Surfaces: Surfaces in contact with the airstream shall comply with requirements in ASHRAE 62.1-2007.
  3. Drain Pan and Drain Connection: Comply with ASHRAE 62.1-2007.
  4. Refrigerant Coil: Copper tube, with mechanically bonded aluminum fins, complying with AHRI 210/240, and with thermal-expansion valve.
  5. Electric-Resistance Heating Coil: Helical, nickel-chrome, resistance-wire heating elements with refractory ceramic support bushings; automatic-reset thermal cutout; built-in magnetic

- contactors; manual-reset thermal cutout; airflow proving device; and one-time fuses in terminal box for overcurrent protection.
6. Fan: Direct drive, centrifugal fan.
  7. Fan Motors: Comply with requirements in Section 23 05 12, GENERAL MOTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR HVAC and STEAM GENERATION EQUIPMENT for multi-tapped, multi-speed motors with internal thermal protection and permanent lubrication.
  8. Filters: Disposable, with MERV rating of 7 or higher according to ASHRAE 52.2.
- F. Air-Cooled, Compressor-Condenser Components:
1. Casing: Steel, finished with baked enamel in color selected by Architect, with removable panels for access to controls, weep holes for water drainage, and mounting holes in base. Service valves, fittings, and gage ports shall be brass and located outside of the casing.
  2. Compressor: Hermetically sealed // reciprocating // scroll // with crankcase heater and mounted on vibration isolation. Compressor motor shall have thermal- and current-sensitive overload devices, start capacitor, relay, and contactor.
  3. Compressor motor with manual-reset, high-pressure switch and automatic-reset, low-pressure switch.
  4. Refrigerant: R-410A unless otherwise indicated.
  5. Refrigerant Coil: Copper tube, with mechanically bonded aluminum fins, complying with AHRI 210/240, and with liquid subcooler.
  6. Fan: Aluminum, propeller type, directly connected to motor.
  7. Motor: Permanently lubricated, with integral thermal-overload protection.
  8. Low Ambient Kit: Permit operation down to minus 18 deg C (0 deg F).
  9. Mounting Base: Polyethylene.
  10. Minimum Energy Efficiency: Comply with ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1-2004, "Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential Buildings."
  11. Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER): Energy Efficiency Ratio shall be not less than 10.7 for unit smaller than 6 kW (20,000 Btu/h), and not less than 9.7 for unit 6 kW (20,000 Btu/h) and larger.
  12. Electronics: Microprocessors shall monitor and control numerous functions for the unit such as digital display and touch panels for programming desired temperature, on-off timing, modulating fan speeds, bypass capabilities, and sensing for humidity, temperature and airflow control.

**PART 3 EXECUTION****3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Install units level and plumb maintaining manufacturer's recommended clearances and tolerances.
- B. Install ground-mounting, compressor-condenser components on polyethylene mounting base.
- C. Install and connect precharged refrigerant tubing to component's quick-connect fittings. Install tubing to allow access to unit.
- D. Install wall sleeves in finished wall assembly and weatherproof. Install and anchor wall sleeves to withstand, without damage seismic forces as required by code.

**3.2 CONNECTIONS**

- A. Verify condensate drainage requirements.
- B. Install condensate drain, minimum connection size, with trap and indirect connection to nearest roof drain or area drain.
- C. Install piping adjacent to units to allow service and maintenance.
- D. Ground equipment and install power wiring, switches, and controls for self contained and split systems.
- E. Connect refrigerant piping to coils with shutoff valves on the suction and liquid lines at the coil and a union or flange at each connection at the coil and condenser.

**3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL**

- A. Perform tests and inspections and prepare test reports.
- B. Tests and Inspections: After installing units and after electrical circuitry has been energized, test units for compliance with requirements. Inspect for and remove shipping bolts, blocks, and tie-down straps. After electrical circuitry has been energized, start units to confirm proper motor rotation and unit operation. Test and adjust controls and safeties. Replace damaged and malfunctioning controls and equipment. Remove and replace malfunctioning units and retest as specified above.

**3.4 INSTRUCTIONS**

Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for four hours to instruct VA personnel in operation and maintenance of units.

**3.5 DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING**

- A. Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for one hour to instruct VA personnel in operation and maintenance of units.

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