

**SECTION 05 50 00
METAL FABRICATIONS**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies items and assemblies fabricated from structural steel shapes and other materials as shown and specified.
- B. Items specified.
 - 1. Support for Wall and Ceiling Mounted Items
 - 2. Modular Metal Channel

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Prime and finish painting: Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturers literature and data.
- C. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Each item specified, showing complete detail, location in the project, material and size of components, method of joining various components and assemblies, finish, and location, size and type of anchors.
 - 2. Mark items requiring field assembly for erection identification and furnish erection drawings and instructions.
 - 3. Provide templates and rough-in measurements as required.
- D. Manufacturer's Certificates:
 - 1. Anodized finish as specified.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Each manufactured product shall meet, as a minimum, the requirements specified, and shall be a standard commercial product of a manufacturer regularly presently manufacturing items of type specified.
- B. Each product type shall be the same and be made by the same manufacturer.
- C. Assembled product to the greatest extent possible before delivery to the site.
- D. Include additional features, which are not specifically prohibited by this specification, but which are a part of the manufacturer's standard commercial product.

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. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):
- B18.6.1-81(R1997).....Wood Screws
 - B18.2.2-87(R2005).....Square and Hex Nuts
- C. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
- A36/A36M-05.....Structural Steel
 - A47-99(R2004).....Malleable Iron Castings
 - A48-03.....Gray Iron Castings
 - A53-06.....Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated
Welded and Seamless
 - A123-02.....Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and
Steel Products
 - A167-99(R2004).....Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel
Steel Plate, Sheet and Strip
 - A269-07.....Seamless and Welded Austenitic Stainless Steel
Tubing for General Service
 - A307-07.....Carbon Steel Bolts and Studs, 60,000 PSI Tensile
Strength
 - A312/A312M-06.....Seamless, Welded, and Heavily Cold Worked
Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes
 - A391/A391M-01.....Grade 80 Alloy Steel Chain
 - A653/A653M-07.....Steel Sheet, Zinc Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-
Iron Alloy Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip
Process
 - A786/A786M-05.....Rolled Steel Floor Plate
 - B221-06.....Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods,
Wire, Shapes, and Tubes
 - B456-03.....Electrodeposited Coatings of Copper Plus Nickel
Plus Chromium and Nickel Plus Chromium
 - B632-02.....Aluminum-Alloy Rolled Tread Plate
 - C1107-07.....Packaged Dry, Hydraulic-Cement Grout (Nonshrink)
 - D3656-04.....Insect Screening and Louver Cloth Woven from
Vinyl-Coated Glass Yarns
 - F436-07.....Hardened Steel Washers
 - F468-06.....Nonferrous Bolts, Hex Cap Screws, and Studs for
General Use
 - F593-02.....Stainless Steel Bolts, Hex Cap Screws, and Studs
 - F1667-05.....Driven Fasteners: Nails, Spikes and Staples

D. American Welding Society (AWS):

- D1.1-04.....Structural Welding Code Steel
- D1.2-03.....Structural Welding Code Aluminum
- D1.3-98.....Structural Welding Code Sheet Steel

E. National Association of Architectural Metal Manufacturers (NAAMM)

- AMP521-01.....Pipe Railing Manual
- AMP 500-505-1988.....Metal Finishes Manual
- MBG 531-00.....Metal Bar Grating Manual
- MBG 532-00.....Heavy Duty Metal Bar Grating Manual

F. Structural Steel Painting Council (SSPC):

- SP 1-05.....No. 1, Solvent Cleaning
- SP 2-05.....No. 2, Hand Tool Cleaning
- SP 3-05.....No. 3, Power Tool Cleaning

G. Federal Specifications (Fed. Spec):

- RR-T-650E.....Treads, Metallic and Nonmetallic, Nonskid

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 DESIGN CRITERIA**

- A. In addition to the dead loads, design fabrications to support the following live loads unless otherwise specified.
- B. Ladders and Rungs: 120 kg (250 pounds) at any point.

2.2 MATERIALS

- A. Structural Steel: ASTM A36.
- B. Aluminum, Extruded: ASTM B221, Alloy 6063-T5 unless otherwise specified. For structural shapes use alloy 6061-T6 and alloy 6061-T4511.
- C. Steel Pipe: ASTM A53.
 - 1. Galvanized for exterior locations.
 - 2. Type S, Grade A unless specified otherwise.
 - 3. NPS (inside diameter) as shown.
- D. Primer Paint: As specified in Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
- E. Modular Channel Units:
 - 1. Factory fabricated, channel shaped, cold formed sheet steel shapes, complete with fittings bolts and nuts required for assembly.
 - 2. Form channel with in turned pyramid shaped clamping ridges on each side.
 - 3. Provide case hardened steel nuts with serrated grooves in the top edges designed to be inserted in the channel at any point and be given a quarter turn so as to engage the channel clamping ridges. Provide each nut with a spring designed to hold the nut in place.
 - 4. Factory finish channels and parts with oven baked primer when exposed to view. Channels fabricated of ASTM A525, G90 galvanized steel may

have primer omitted in concealed locations. Finish screws and nuts with zinc coating.

5. Fabricate snap-in closure plates to fit and close exposed channel openings of not more than 0.3 mm (0.0125 inch) thick stainless steel.

K. Grout: ASTM C1107, pourable type.

2.3 HARDWARE

A. Rough Hardware:

1. Furnish rough hardware with a standard plating, applied after punching, forming and assembly of parts; galvanized, cadmium plated, or zinc-coated by electro-galvanizing process. Galvanized G-90 where specified.
2. Use G90 galvanized coating on ferrous metal for exterior work unless non-ferrous metal or stainless is used.

B. Fasteners:

1. Bolts with Nuts:
 - a. ASME B18.2.2.
 - b. ASTM A307 for 415 MPa (60,000 psi) tensile strength bolts.
 - c. ASTM F468 for nonferrous bolts.
 - d. ASTM F593 for stainless steel.
2. Screws: ASME B18.6.1.
3. Washers: ASTM F436, type to suit material and anchorage.
4. Nails: ASTM F1667, Type I, style 6 or 14 for finish work.

2.4 FABRICATION GENERAL

A. Material

1. Use material as specified. Use material of commercial quality and suitable for intended purpose for material that is not named or its standard of quality not specified.
2. Use material free of defects which could affect the appearance or service ability of the finished product.

B. Size:

1. Size and thickness of members as shown.
2. When size and thickness is not specified or shown for an individual part, use size and thickness not less than that used for the same component on similar standard commercial items or in accordance with established shop methods.

C. Connections

1. Except as otherwise specified, connections may be made by welding or bolting.
2. Field riveting will not be approved.

3. Design size, number and placement of fasteners, to develop a joint strength of not less than the design value.
4. Holes For bolts: Accurately punched or drilled and burrs removed.
5. Size and shape welds to develop the full design strength of the parts connected by welds and to transmit imposed stresses without permanent deformation or failure when subject to service loadings.
6. Use bolts of material selected to prevent corrosion (electrolysis) at bimetallic contacts. Plated or coated material will not be approved.
7. Use stainless steel connectors for removable members: machine screws or bolts.

D. Fasteners and Anchors

1. Use methods for fastening or anchoring metal fabrications to building construction as shown or specified.
2. Where fasteners and anchors are not shown, design the type, size, location and spacing to resist the loads imposed without deformation of the members or causing failure of the anchor or fastener, and suit the sequence of installation.
3. Use material and finish of the fasteners compatible with the kinds of materials which are fastened together and their location in the finished work.
4. Fasteners for securing metal fabrication to existing construction or new construction may be expansion bolts, toggle bolts, welding, self drilling and tapping screws or bolts.

E. Workmanship

1. General:
 - a. Fabricate items to design shown.
 - b. Furnish members in longest lengths commercially available within the limits shown and specified.
 - c. Fabricate straight, true, free from warp and twist, and where applicable square and in same plane.
 - d. Provide holes, sinkages and reinforcement shown and required for fasteners and anchorage items.
 - e. Provide openings, cut-outs, and tapped holes for attachment and clearances required for work of other trades.
 - f. Prepare members for the installation and fitting of hardware.
 - g. Fabricate surfaces and edges free from sharp edges, burrs and projections which may cause injury.
2. Welding:
 - a. Weld in accordance with AWS.
 - b. Welds shall show good fusion, be free from cracks and porosity and accomplish secure and rigid joints in proper alignment.

- c. Where exposed in the finished work, continuous weld for the full length of the members joined and have depressed areas filled and protruding welds finished smooth and flush with adjacent surfaces.
 - d. Finish welded joints to match finish of adjacent surface.
3. Joining:
- a. Miter or butt members at corners.
 - b. Where frames members are butted at corners, cut leg of frame member perpendicular to surface, as required for clearance.
5. Cutting and Fitting:
- a. Accurately cut, machine and fit joints, corners, copes, and miters.
 - b. Fit removable members to be easily removed.
 - c. Design and construct field connections in the most practical place for appearance and ease of installation.
 - d. Fit pieces together as required.
 - e. Fabricate connections for ease of assembly and disassembly without use of special tools.
 - f. Joints firm when assembled.
 - g. Conceal joining, fitting and welding on exposed work as far as practical.
 - h. Do not show rivets and screws prominently on the exposed face.
 - i. The fit of components and the alignment of holes shall eliminate the need to modify component or to use exceptional force in the assembly of item and eliminate the need to use other than common tools.

F. Finish:

- 1. Finish exposed surfaces in accordance with NAAMM Metal Finishes Manual.
- 2. Aluminum: NAAMM AMP 501.
 - a. Mill finish, AA-M10, as fabricated, use unless specified otherwise.
 - d. Painted: AA-C22R10.
- 3. Steel and Iron: NAAMM AMP 504.
 - a. Zinc coated (Galvanized): ASTM A123, G90 unless noted otherwise.
 - b. Surfaces exposed in the finished work:
 - 1) Finish smooth rough surfaces and remove projections.
 - 2) Fill holes, dents and similar voids and depressions with epoxy type patching compound.
 - c. Shop Prime Painting:
 - 1) Surfaces of Ferrous metal:
 - a) Items not specified to have other coatings.

- b) Galvanized surfaces specified to have prime paint.
- c) Remove all loose mill scale, rust, and paint, by hand or power tool cleaning as defined in SSPC-SP2 and SP3.
- d) Clean of oil, grease, soil and other detrimental matter by use of solvents or cleaning compounds as defined in SSPC-SP1.
- e) After cleaning and finishing apply one coat of primer as specified in Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

2) Non ferrous metals: Comply with MAAMM-500 series.

4. Stainless Steel: NAAMM AMP-504 Finish No. 4.

G. Protection:

- 1. Insulate aluminum surfaces that will come in contact with concrete, masonry, plaster, or metals other than stainless steel, zinc or white bronze by giving a coat of heavy-bodied alkali resisting bituminous paint or other approved paint in shop.
- 2. Spot prime all abraded and damaged areas of zinc coating which expose the bare metal, using zinc rich paint on hot-dip zinc coat items and zinc dust primer on all other zinc coated items.

2.5 SUPPORTS

A. General:

- 1. Fabricate ASTM A36 structural steel shapes as shown.
- 2. Use clip angles or make provisions for welding hangers and braces to overhead construction.
- 3. Field connections may be welded or bolted.

B. For Wall or Ceiling Mounted Items:

- 1. Construct assembly as shown and design to support not less than a750 pound working load at any point.
- 2. Fabricate supports as shown, with all exposed members, including screws, nuts, bolts and washers, fabricated of stainless steel.
- 3. Fabricate concealed components of structural steel shapes unless shown otherwise.
- 4. Continuously weld connections where welds shown.
- 5. Use modular channel where shown with manufacturers bolts and fittings.
 - a. Weld ends of steel angle braces to steel plates and secure to modular channel units as shown. Drill plates for anchor bolts.
 - b. Fabricate eye bolt, special clamp bolt, and plate closure full length of modular channel at ceiling line and secure to modular channel unit with manufacturers standard fittings.

2.14 LADDERS**A. Steel Ladders:**

1. Fixed-rail type with steel rungs shouldered and headed into and welded to rails.
2. Fabricate angle brackets of 2 inch wide by 1/2 inch thick steel; brackets spaced maximum of 4 feet apart and of length to hold ladder 7 inches from wall to center of rungs. Provide turned ends or clips for anchoring.
3. Provide holes for anchoring with expansion bolts through turned ends and brackets.
4. Where shown, fabricate side rails curved, twisted and formed into a gooseneck.
5. Galvanize exterior ladders after fabrication, ASTM A123, G-90.

B. Aluminum Ladders:

1. Fixed-rail type, constructed of structural aluminum, with mill finish.
2. Fabricate side rails and rungs of size and design shown, with the rungs shouldered and headed into and welded to the rails.
3. Where shown fabrication side rails curved, twisted and formed into gooseneck.
4. Fabricate angle brackets at top and bottom and intermediate brackets where shown. Drill for bolting.

C. Ladder Rungs:

1. Fabricate from one inch diameter steel bars.
2. Fabricate so that rungs will extend at least 4 inches into wall with ends turned 50 mm (2 inches), project out from wall 7 inches, be 16 inches wide and be designed so that foot cannot slide off end.
3. Galvanized after fabrication, ASTM A123, G-90 rungs for exterior use and for access to pits.

PART 3 - EXECUTION**3.1 INSTALLATION, GENERAL**

- A. Set work accurately, in alignment and where shown, plumb, level, free of rack and twist, and set parallel or perpendicular as required to line and plane of surface.
- B. Field weld in accordance with AWS.
 1. Design and finish as specified for shop welding.
 2. Use continuous weld unless specified otherwise.
- C. Install anchoring devices and fasteners as shown and as necessary for securing metal fabrications to building construction as specified. Power

actuated drive pins may be used except for removable items and where members would be deformed or substrate damaged by their use.

- D. Spot prime all abraded and damaged areas of zinc coating as specified and all abraded and damaged areas of shop prime coat with same kind of paint used for shop priming.
- E. Isolate aluminum from dissimilar metals and from contact with concrete and masonry materials as required to prevent electrolysis and corrosion.
- F. Secure escutcheon plate with set screw.

3.2 INSTALLATION OF SUPPORTS

- A. Anchorage to structure.
 - 1. Secure angles or channels and clips to overhead structural steel by continuous welding unless bolting is shown.
 - 2. Secure supports to concrete inserts by bolting or continuous welding as shown.
 - 3. Secure supports to mid height of concrete beams when inserts do not exist with expansion bolts and to slabs, with expansion bolts. unless shown otherwise.
 - 4. Secure steel plate or hat channels to studs as detailed.
- C. Supports for Wall Mounted items:
 - 1. Locate center of support at anchorage point of supported item.
 - 2. Locate supports where required for items shown.
- H. Supports for Trapeze Bars:
 - 1. Secure plates to overhead construction with fasteners as shown.
 - 2. Secure angle brace assembly to overhead construction with fasteners as shown and bolt plate to braces.
 - 3. Fit modular channel unit flush with finish ceiling, and secure to plate with modular channel unit manufacturer's standard fittings through steel shims or spreaders as shown.
 - a. Install closure plates in channel between eye bolts.
 - b. Install eyebolts in channel.

3.13 LADDERS

- A. Anchor ladders to walls and floors with expansion bolts through turned lugs or angle clips or brackets.
- B. Ladder Rungs:
 - 1. Set ladder rungs into formwork before concrete is placed
 - 2. Set step portion of rung 6 inches from wall.
 - 3. Space rungs approximately 12 inches on centers.
 - 4. Where only one rung is required, locate it 16 inches above the floor.

3.19 CLEAN AND ADJUSTING

- A. Adjust movable parts including hardware to operate as designed without binding or deformation of the members centered in the opening or frame and, where applicable, contact surfaces fit tight and even without forcing or warping the components.
- B. Clean after installation exposed prefinished and plated items and items fabricated from stainless steel, aluminum and copper alloys, as recommended by the metal manufacture and protected from damage until completion of the project.

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**SECTION 26 05 11
REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section applies to all sections of Division 26.
- B. Furnish and install electrical wiring, systems, equipment and accessories in accordance with the specifications and drawings. Capacities and ratings of motors, transformers, cable, switchboards, switchgear, panelboards, motor control centers, and other items and arrangements for the specified items are shown on drawings.
- C. Electrical service entrance equipment (arrangements for temporary and permanent connections to the utility's system) shall conform to the utility's requirements. Coordinate fuses, circuit breakers and relays with the utility's system, and obtain utility approval for sizes and settings of these devices.
- D. Wiring ampacities specified or shown on the drawings are based on copper conductors, with the conduit and raceways accordingly sized. Aluminum conductors are prohibited.

1.2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- A. References to the International Building Code (IBC), National Electrical Code (NEC), Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) are minimum installation requirement standards.
- B. Drawings and other specification sections shall govern in those instances where requirements are greater than those specified in the above standards.

1.3 TEST STANDARDS

- A. All materials and equipment shall be listed, labeled or certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., standards where test standards have been established. Equipment and materials which are not covered by UL Standards will be accepted provided equipment and material is listed, labeled, certified or otherwise determined to meet safety requirements of a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Equipment of a class which no nationally recognized testing laboratory accepts, certifies, lists, labels, or determines to be safe, will be considered if inspected or tested in accordance with national industrial standards, such as

NEMA, or ANSI. Evidence of compliance shall include certified test reports and definitive shop drawings.

B. Definitions:

1. Listed; Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production or listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that the equipment, material, or services either meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.
2. Labeled; Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.
3. Certified; equipment or product which:
 - a. Has been tested and found by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet nationally recognized standards or to be safe for use in a specified manner.
 - b. Production of equipment or product is periodically inspected by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
 - c. Bears a label, tag, or other record of certification.
4. Nationally recognized testing laboratory; laboratory which is approved, in accordance with OSHA regulations, by the Secretary of Labor.

1.4 QUALIFICATIONS (PRODUCTS AND SERVICES)

- A. Manufacturers Qualifications: The manufacturer shall regularly and presently produce, as one of the manufacturer's principal products, the equipment and material specified for this project, and shall have manufactured the item for at least three years.
- B. Product Qualification:
 1. Manufacturer's product shall have been in satisfactory operation, on three installations of similar size and type as this project, for approximately three years.
 2. The Government reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit a list of installations where the products have been in operation before approval.

- C. Service Qualifications: There shall be a permanent service organization maintained or trained by the manufacturer which will render satisfactory service to this installation within four hours of receipt of notification that service is needed. Submit name and address of service organizations.

1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

Applicable publications listed in all Sections of Division are the latest issue, unless otherwise noted.

1.6 MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

- A. Materials and equipment furnished shall be of current production by manufacturers regularly engaged in the manufacture of such items, for which replacement parts shall be available.
- B. When more than one unit of the same class or type of equipment is required, such units shall be the product of a single manufacturer.
- C. Equipment Assemblies and Components:
1. Components of an assembled unit need not be products of the same manufacturer.
 2. Manufacturers of equipment assemblies, which include components made by others, shall assume complete responsibility for the final assembled unit.
 3. Components shall be compatible with each other and with the total assembly for the intended service.
 4. Constituent parts which are similar shall be the product of a single manufacturer.
- D. Factory wiring shall be identified on the equipment being furnished and on all wiring diagrams.
- E. When Factory Testing Is Specified:
1. The Government shall have the option of witnessing factory tests. The contractor shall notify the VA through the Resident Engineer a minimum of 15 working days prior to the manufacturers making the factory tests.
 2. Four copies of certified test reports containing all test data shall be furnished to the Resident Engineer prior to final inspection and not more than 90 days after completion of the tests.
 3. When equipment fails to meet factory test and re-inspection is required, the contractor shall be liable for all additional expenses, including expenses of the Government.

1.7 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Where variations from the contract requirements are requested in accordance with the GENERAL CONDITIONS and Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES, the connecting work and related components shall include, but not be limited to additions or changes to branch circuits, circuit protective devices, conduits, wire, feeders, controls, panels and installation methods.

1.8 EQUIPMENT PROTECTION

- A. Equipment and materials shall be protected during shipment and storage against physical damage, vermin, dirt, corrosive substances, fumes, moisture, cold and rain.
 - 1. Store equipment indoors in clean dry space with uniform temperature to prevent condensation. Equipment shall include but not be limited to switchgear, switchboards, panelboards, transformers, motor control centers, motor controllers, uninterruptible power systems, enclosures, controllers, circuit protective devices, cables, wire, light fixtures, electronic equipment, and accessories.
 - 2. During installation, equipment shall be protected against entry of foreign matter; and be vacuum-cleaned both inside and outside before testing and operating. Compressed air shall not be used to clean equipment. Remove loose packing and flammable materials from inside equipment.
 - 3. Damaged equipment shall be, as determined by the Resident Engineer, placed in first class operating condition or be returned to the source of supply for repair or replacement.
 - 4. Painted surfaces shall be protected with factory installed removable heavy kraft paper, sheet vinyl or equal.
 - 5. Damaged paint on equipment and materials shall be refinished with the same quality of paint and workmanship as used by the manufacturer so repaired areas are not obvious.

1.9 WORK PERFORMANCE

- A. All electrical work must comply with the requirements of NFPA 70 (NEC), NFPA 70B, NFPA 70E, OSHA Part 1910 subpart J, OSHA Part 1910 subpart S and OSHA Part 1910 subpart K in addition to other references required by contract.
- B. Job site safety and worker safety is the responsibility of the contractor.
- C. Electrical work shall be accomplished with all affected circuits or equipment de-energized. When an electrical outage cannot be accomplished

in this manner for the required work, the following requirements are mandatory:

1. Electricians must use full protective equipment (i.e., certified and tested insulating material to cover exposed energized electrical components, certified and tested insulated tools, etc.) while working on energized systems in accordance with NFPA 70E.
2. Electricians must wear personal protective equipment while working on energized systems in accordance with NFPA 70E.
3. Before initiating any work, a job specific work plan must be developed by the contractor with a peer review conducted and documented by the Resident Engineer and Medical Center staff. The work plan must include procedures to be used on and near the live electrical equipment, barriers to be installed, safety equipment to be used and exit pathways.
4. Work on energized circuits or equipment cannot begin until prior written approval is obtained from the Resident Engineer.
- D. For work on existing installations, arrange, phase and perform work to assure electrical service for other buildings at all times. Refer to Article OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS under Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- E. New work shall be installed and connected to existing work neatly, safely and professionally. Disturbed or damaged work shall be replaced or repaired to its prior conditions, as required by Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- F. Coordinate location of equipment and conduit with other trades to minimize interferences.

1.10 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

- A. Equipment location shall be as close as practical to locations shown on the drawings.
- B. Working spaces shall not be less than specified in the NEC for all voltages specified.
- C. Inaccessible Equipment:
 1. Where the Government determines that the Contractor has installed equipment not conveniently accessible for operation and maintenance, the equipment shall be removed and reinstalled as directed at no additional cost to the Government.
 2. "Conveniently accessible" is defined as being capable of being reached quickly for operation, maintenance, or inspections without the use of ladders, or without climbing or crawling under or over

obstacles such as, but not limited to, motors, pumps, belt guards, transformers, piping, ductwork, conduit and raceways.

1.11 EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

- A. In addition to the requirements of the NEC, install an identification sign which clearly indicates information required for use and maintenance of items such as panelboards, cabinets, motor controllers (starters), safety switches, separately enclosed circuit breakers, individual breakers and controllers in switchboards, switchgear and motor control assemblies, control devices and other significant equipment.
- B. Nameplates for Normal Power System equipment shall be laminated black phenolic resin with a white core with engraved lettering. Nameplates for Essential Electrical System (EES) equipment, as defined in the NEC, shall be laminated red phenolic resin with a white core with engraved lettering. Lettering shall be a minimum of 1/2 inch [12mm] high. Nameplates shall indicate equipment designation, rated bus amperage, voltage, number of phases, number of wires, and type of EES power branch as applicable. Secure nameplates with screws.
- C. Labeling: Provide all equipment with labeling indicating applicable short circuit and arc flash ratings.
- D. Equipment Designations: The equipment designations, names or numbering shown on the drawings are for project coordination only. The contractor shall obtain the final equipment designations, names or numbering from the Medical Center.

1.12 SUBMITTALS

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

- D. Submittals for individual systems and equipment assemblies which consist of more than one item or component shall be made for the system or assembly as a whole. Partial submittals will not be considered for approval.
1. Mark the submittals, "SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION_____".
 2. Submittals shall be marked to show specification reference including the section and paragraph numbers.
 3. Submit each section separately.
- E. The submittals shall include the following:
1. Information that confirms compliance with contract requirements. Include the manufacturer's name, model or catalog numbers, catalog information, technical data sheets, shop drawings, pictures, nameplate data and test reports as required.
 2. Submittals are required for all equipment anchors and supports. Submittals shall include weights, dimensions, center of gravity, standard connections, manufacturer's recommendations and behavior problems (e.g., vibration, thermal expansion,) associated with equipment or piping so that the proposed installation can be properly reviewed. Include sufficient fabrication information so that appropriate mounting and securing provisions may be designed and/or attached to the equipment.
 3. Elementary and interconnection wiring diagrams for communication and signal systems, control systems and equipment assemblies. All terminal points and wiring shall be identified on wiring diagrams.
 4. Parts list which shall include those replacement parts recommended by the equipment manufacturer.
- F. Manuals: Submit in accordance with Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
1. Maintenance and Operation Manuals: Submit as required for systems and equipment specified in the technical sections. Furnish four copies, bound in hardback binders, (manufacturer's standard binders) or an approved equivalent. Furnish one complete manual as specified in the technical section but in no case later than prior to performance of systems or equipment test, and furnish the remaining manuals prior to contract completion.
 2. Inscribe the following identification on the cover: the words "MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION MANUAL," the name and location of the system, equipment, building, name of Contractor, and contract number. Include in the manual the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each subcontractor installing the system or equipment and the local representatives for the system or equipment.

3. Provide a "Table of Contents" and assemble the manual to conform to the table of contents, with tab sheets placed before instructions covering the subject. The instructions shall be legible and easily read, with large sheets of drawings folded in.
4. The manuals shall include:
 - a. Internal and interconnecting wiring and control diagrams with data to explain detailed operation and control of the equipment.
 - b. A control sequence describing start-up, operation, and shutdown.
 - c. Description of the function of each principal item of equipment.
 - d. Installation instructions.
 - e. Safety precautions for operation and maintenance.
 - f. Diagrams and illustrations.
 - g. Periodic maintenance and testing procedures and frequencies, including replacement parts numbers and replacement frequencies.
 - h. Performance data.
 - i. Pictorial "exploded" parts list with part numbers. Emphasis shall be placed on the use of special tools and instruments. The list shall indicate sources of supply, recommended spare parts, and name of servicing organization.
 - j. List of factory approved or qualified permanent servicing organizations for equipment repair and periodic testing and maintenance, including addresses and factory certification qualifications.
- G. Approvals will be based on complete submission of manuals together with shop drawings.
- H. After approval and prior to installation, furnish the Resident Engineer with one sample of each of the following:
 1. A 300 mm (12 inch) length of each type and size of wire and cable along with the tag from the coils of reels from which the samples were taken.
 2. Each type of conduit coupling, bushing and termination fitting.
 3. Conduit hangers, clamps and supports.
 4. Duct sealing compound.
 5. Each type of receptacle, toggle switch, occupancy sensor, outlet box, manual motor starter, device wall plate, engraved nameplate, wire and cable splicing and terminating material, and branch circuit single pole molded case circuit breaker.

1.13 SINGULAR NUMBER

Where any device or part of equipment is referred to in these specifications in the singular number (e.g., "the switch"), this

reference shall be deemed to apply to as many such devices as are required to complete the installation as shown on the drawings.

1.14 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

The contractor shall furnish the instruments, materials and labor for field tests.

1.15 TRAINING

- A. Training shall be provided in accordance with Article 1.25, INSTRUCTIONS, of Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Training shall be provided for the particular equipment or system as required in each associated specification.
- C. A training schedule shall be developed and submitted by the contractor and approved by the Resident Engineer at least 30 days prior to the planned training.

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SECTION 26 05 21
LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW)

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of the low voltage power and lighting wiring.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Excavation and backfill for cables that are installed in conduit:
Section 31 20 00, EARTH MOVING.
- B. Sealing around penetrations to maintain the integrity of time rated construction: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- C. General electrical requirements that are common to more than one section in Division 26: Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- D. Conduits for cables and wiring: Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- E. Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents: Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES, furnish the following:
 - 1. Manufacturer's Literature and Data: Showing each cable type and rating.
 - 2. Certificates: Two weeks prior to final inspection, deliver to the Resident Engineer four copies of the certification that the material is in accordance with the drawings and specifications and has been properly installed.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are reference in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American Society of Testing Material (ASTM):
D2301-04.....Standard Specification for Vinyl Chloride
Plastic Pressure Sensitive Electrical Insulating
Tape
- C. Federal Specifications (Fed. Spec.):

A-A-59544-00.....Cable and Wire, Electrical (Power, Fixed
Installation)

C. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70-05.....National Electrical Code (NEC)

D. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

44-02.....Thermoset-Insulated Wires and Cables

83-03.....Thermoplastic-Insulated Wires and Cables

467-01.....Electrical Grounding and Bonding Equipment

486A-01.....Wire Connectors and Soldering Lugs for Use with
Copper Conductors

486C-02.....Splicing Wire Connectors

486D-02.....Insulated Wire Connector Systems for Underground
Use or in Damp or Wet Locations

486E-00.....Equipment Wiring Terminals for Use with Aluminum
and/or Copper Conductors

493-01.....Thermoplastic-Insulated Underground Feeder and
Branch Circuit Cable

514B-02.....Fittings for Cable and Conduit

1479-03.....Fire Tests of Through-Penetration Fire Stops

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 CABLE AND WIRE (POWER AND LIGHTING)

A. Cable and Wire shall be in accordance with Fed. Spec. A-A-59544, except
as hereinafter specified.

B. Single Conductor:

1. Shall be annealed copper.

2. Shall be stranded for sizes No. 8 AWG and larger, solid for sizes No.
10 AWG and smaller.

3. Shall be minimum size No. 12 AWG, except where smaller sizes are
allowed herein.

C. Insulation:

1. Exterior in Conduit or Duct: XHHW in accordance with UL 44, and 83
unless otherwise noted.

1. Interior in Conduit or Cable: XHHW for feeders and dual rated
THHN/THWN for branch circuits in accordance with UL 44, and 83 unless
otherwise noted.

2. Direct burial: UF or USE shall be in accordance with UL 493.

3. Isolated power system wiring: Type XHHW with a dielectric constant of
3.5 or less.

D. Color Code:

1. Secondary service, feeder and branch circuit conductors shall be
color coded as follows:

208/120 volt	Phase	480/277 volt
Black	A	Brown
Red	B	Orange
Blue	C	Yellow
White	Neutral	Gray *
* or white with colored (other than green) tracer.		

- a. The lighting circuit "switch legs" and 3-way switch "traveling wires" shall have color coding unique and distinct (i.e. pink and purple) from the color coding indicated above. The unique color codes shall be solid and in accordance with the NEC. Field coordinate for a final color coding with the Resident Engineer.
2. Use solid color compound or solid color coating for No. 12 AWG and No. 10 AWG branch circuit conductors and neutral sizes.
3. Phase conductors No. 8 AWG and larger shall be color-coded using one of the following methods:
 - a. Solid color compound or solid color coating.
 - b. Stripes, bands, or hash marks of color specified above.
 - c. Color as specified using 19 mm (3/4 inch) wide tape. Apply tape in half overlapping turns for a minimum of 75 mm (three inches) for terminal points, and in junction boxes, pull boxes, troughs, manholes, and handholes. Apply the last two laps of tape with no tension to prevent possible unwinding. Where cable markings are covered by tape, apply tags to cable stating size and insulation type.
4. For modifications and additions to existing wiring systems, color coding shall conform to the existing wiring system.
5. Color code for isolated power system wiring shall be in accordance with the NEC.
- E. Type MC or AC Cable: These cable types are not permitted unless explicitly specified on the drawings.

2.2 SPLICES AND JOINTS

- A. In accordance with UL 486A, C, D, E and NEC.
- B. Branch circuits (No. 10 AWG and smaller):
 1. Connectors: Solderless, screw-on, reusable pressure cable type, 600 volt, 105 degree C with integral insulation, approved for copper and aluminum conductors.
 2. The integral insulator shall have a skirt to completely cover the stripped wires.

3. The number, size, and combination of conductors, as listed on the manufacturers packaging shall be strictly complied with.

C. Feeder Circuits:

1. Connectors shall be indent, hex screw, or bolt clamp-type of high conductivity and corrosion-resistant material.
2. Field installed compression connectors for cable sizes 250 kcmil and larger shall have not less than two clamping elements or compression indents per wire.
3. Insulate splices and joints with materials approved for the particular use, location, voltage, and temperature. Insulate with not less than that of the conductor level that is being joined.
4. Plastic electrical insulating tape: ASTM D2304 shall apply, flame retardant, cold and weather resistant.

2.3 CONTROL WIRING

- A. Unless otherwise specified in other sections of these specifications, control wiring shall be as specified for power and lighting wiring, except the minimum size shall be not less than No. 14 AWG.
- B. Control wiring shall be large enough so that the voltage drop under inrush conditions does not adversely affect operation of the controls.

2.4 WIRE LUBRICATING COMPOUND

- A. Suitable for the wire insulation and conduit it is used with, and shall not harden or become adhesive.
- B. Shall not be used on wire for isolated type electrical power systems.

2.5 FIREPROOFING TAPE

- A. The tape shall consist of a flexible, conformable fabric of organic composition coated one side with flame-retardant elastomer.
- B. The tape shall be self-extinguishing and shall not support combustion. It shall be arc-proof and fireproof.
- C. The tape shall not deteriorate when subjected to water, gases, salt water, sewage, or fungus and be resistant to sunlight and ultraviolet light.
- D. The finished application shall withstand a 200-ampere arc for not less than 30 seconds.
- E. Securing tape: Glass cloth electrical tape not less than 0.18 mm (7 mils) thick, and 19 mm (3/4 inch) wide.

2.6 WARNING TAPE

- A. The tape shall be standard, 76 mm (3 inch) wide, 4-Mil polyethylene detectable type.
- B. The tape shall be red with black letters indicating "CAUTION BURIED ELECTRIC LINE BELOW".

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION, GENERAL

- A. Install in accordance with the NEC, and as specified.
- B. Install all wiring in raceway systems, except where direct burial or specialized cable systems are specified.
- C. Splice cables and wires only in outlet boxes, junction boxes, pull boxes, manholes, or handholes.
- D. Wires of different systems (i.e. 120V, 277V) shall not be installed in the same conduit or junction box system.
- E. Install cable supports for all vertical feeders in accordance with the NEC. Provide split wedge type which firmly clamps each individual cable and tightens due to cable weight.
- F. For panelboards, cabinets, wireways, switches, and equipment assemblies, neatly form, train, and tie the cables in individual circuits within the cabinet or back box.
- G. Seal cable and wire entering a building from underground, between the wire and conduit where the cable exits the conduit, with a non-hardening approved compound.
- H. Wire Pulling:
 - 1. Provide installation equipment that will prevent the cutting or abrasion of insulation during pulling of cables.
 - 2. Use ropes made of nonmetallic material for pulling feeders.
 - 3. Attach pulling lines for feeders by means of either woven basket grips or pulling eyes attached directly to the conductors, as approved by the Resident Engineer.
 - 4. Pull in multiple cables together in a single conduit.
- I. No more than (3) single-phase branch circuits shall be installed in any one conduit.
- J. The wires shall be derated in accordance with NEC Article 310. Neutral wires, under conditions defined by the NEC, shall be considered current-carrying conductors.

3.2 INSTALLATION IN MANHOLES

- A. Install and support cables in manholes on the steel racks with porcelain or equal insulators. Train the cables around the manhole walls, but do not bend to a radius less than six times the overall cable diameter.
- B. Fireproofing:
 - 1. Install fireproofing where low voltage cables are installed in the same manholes with high voltage cables; also cover the low voltage cables with arc proof and fireproof tape.
 - 2. Use tape of the same type as used for the high voltage cables, and apply the tape in a single layer, one-half lapped or as recommended

by the manufacturer. Install the tape with the coated side towards the cable and extend it not less than 25 mm (one inch) into each duct.

3. Secure the tape in place by a random wrap of glass cloth tape.

3.3 SPLICE INSTALLATION

- A. Splices and terminations shall be mechanically and electrically secure.
- B. Where the Government determines that unsatisfactory splices or terminations have been installed, remove the devices and install approved devices at no additional cost to the Government.

3.5 CONTROL AND SIGNAL WIRING INSTALLATION

- A. Unless otherwise specified in other sections, install wiring and connect to equipment/devices to perform the required functions as shown and specified.
- B. Except where otherwise required, install a separate power supply circuit for each system so that malfunctions in any system will not affect other systems.
- C. Where separate power supply circuits are not shown, connect the systems to the nearest panelboards of suitable voltages, which are intended to supply such systems and have suitable spare circuit breakers or space for installation.
- D. Install a red warning indicator on the handle of the branch circuit breaker for the power supply circuit for each system to prevent accidental de-energizing of the systems.
- E. System voltages shall be 120 volts or lower where shown on the drawings or as required by the NEC.

3.6 CONTROL AND SIGNAL SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

- A. Install a permanent wire marker on each wire at each termination.
- B. Identifying numbers and letters on the wire markers shall correspond to those on the wiring diagrams used for installing the systems.
- C. Wire markers shall retain their markings after cleaning.
- D. In each manhole and handhole, install embossed brass tags to identify the system served and function.

3.7 FEEDER IDENTIFICATION

- A. In each interior pulbox and junction box, install metal tags on each circuit cables and wires to clearly designate their circuit identification and voltage.
- B. In each manhole and handhole, provide tags of the embossed brass type, showing the cable type and voltage rating. Attach the tags to the cables with slip-free plastic cable lacing units.

3.9 EXISTING WIRING

Unless specifically indicated on the plans, existing wiring shall not be reused for the new installation. Only wiring that conforms to the specifications and applicable codes may be reused. If existing wiring does not meet these requirements, existing wiring may not be reused and new wires shall be installed.

3.10 FIELD TESTING

- A. Feeders and branch circuits shall have their insulation tested after installation and before connection to utilization devices such as fixtures, motors, or appliances.
- B. Tests shall be performed by megger and conductors shall test free from short-circuits and grounds.
- C. Test conductor phase-to-phase and phase-to-ground.
- D. The Contractor shall furnish the instruments, materials, and labor for these tests.

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**SECTION 26 05 26
GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies general grounding and bonding requirements of electrical equipment operations and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.
- B. "Grounding electrode system" refers to all electrodes required by NEC, as well as including made, supplementary, lightning protection system grounding electrodes.
- C. The terms "connect" and "bond" are used interchangeably in this specification and have the same meaning.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements and items that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW): Low Voltage power and lighting wiring.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Sufficient information, clearly presented, shall be included to determine compliance with drawings and specifications.
 - 2. Include the location of system grounding electrode connections and the routing of aboveground and underground grounding electrode conductors.
- C. Test Reports: Provide certified test reports of ground resistance.
- D. Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit four copies of the following to the Resident Engineer:
 - 1. Certification that the materials and installation is in accordance with the drawings and specifications.
 - 2. Certification, by the Contractor, that the complete installation has been properly installed and tested.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.

A. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

B1-2001.....Standard Specification for Hard-Drawn Copper
Wire

B8-2004.....Standard Specification for Concentric-Lay-
Stranded Copper Conductors, Hard, Medium-Hard,
or Soft

B. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE):

81-1983.....IEEE Guide for Measuring Earth Resistivity,
Ground Impedance, and Earth Surface Potentials
of a Ground System

C. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70-2005.....National Electrical Code (NEC)

99-2005.....Health Care Facilities

D. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

44-2005Thermoset-Insulated Wires and Cables

83-2003Thermoplastic-Insulated Wires and Cables

467-2004Grounding and Bonding Equipment

486A-486B-2003Wire Connectors

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 GROUNDING AND BONDING CONDUCTORS**

- A. Equipment grounding conductors shall be UL 83 insulated stranded copper, except that sizes 10 AWG and smaller shall be solid copper. Insulation color shall be continuous green for all equipment grounding conductors, except that wire sizes 4 AWG and larger shall be permitted to be identified per NEC.
- B. Bonding conductors shall be ASTM B8 bare stranded copper, except that sizes 10 AWG and smaller shall be ASTM B1 solid bare copper wire.
- D. Electrical System Grounding: Conductor sizes shall not be less than what is shown on the drawings and not less than required by the NEC, whichever is greater.

2.2 GROUND RODS

- A. Copper clad steel, 3/4-inch diameter by 10 feet long, conforming to UL 467.

- B. Quantity of rods shall be as required to obtain the specified ground resistance.

2.3 SPLICES AND TERMINATION COMPONENTS

Components shall meet or exceed UL 467 and be clearly marked with the manufacturer, catalog number, and permitted conductor size(s).

2.4 GROUND CONNECTIONS

- A. Below Grade: Exothermic-welded type connectors.
- B. Above Grade:
 - 1. Bonding Jumpers: compression type connectors, using zinc-plated fasteners and external tooth lockwashers.
 - 2. Ground Busbars: Two-hole compression type lugs using tin-plated copper or copper alloy bolts and nuts.
 - 3. Rack and Cabinet Ground Bars: one-hole compression-type lugs using zinc-plated or copper alloy fasteners.

2.5 EQUIPMENT RACK AND CABINET GROUND BARS

Provide solid copper ground bars designed for mounting on the framework of open or cabinet-enclosed equipment racks with minimum dimensions of 3/8 inch thick x 3/4 inch wide x length as shown (12" length minimum).

2.6 GROUND TERMINAL BLOCKS

At any equipment mounting location (e.g. backboards and hinged cover enclosures) where rack-type ground bars cannot be mounted, provide screw lug-type terminal blocks.

2.7 SPLICE CASE GROUND ACCESSORIES

Splice case grounding and bonding accessories shall be supplied by the splice case manufacturer when available. Otherwise, use 6 AWG insulated ground wire with shield bonding connectors.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- A. Ground in accordance with the NEC, as shown on drawings, and as hereinafter specified.
- B. System Grounding:
 - 1. Secondary service neutrals: Ground at the supply side of the secondary disconnecting means and at the related transformers.
 - 2. Separately derived systems: Ground the secondary neutral.
- C. Equipment Grounding: Metallic structures (including ductwork and building steel), enclosures, raceways, junction boxes, outlet boxes, cabinets, machine frames, and other conductive items in close proximity with electrical circuits shall be bonded and grounded.

3.2 INACCESSIBLE GROUNDING CONNECTIONS

Make grounding connections, which are buried or otherwise normally inaccessible (except connections for which periodic testing access is required) by exothermic weld.

3.4 SECONDARY EQUIPMENT AND CIRCUITS

- A. Main Bonding Jumper: Bond the secondary service neutral to the ground bus in the service equipment.
- B. Metallic Piping, Building Steel, and Supplemental Electrode(s):
 - 1. Provide a grounding electrode conductor sized per NEC between the service equipment ground bus and all metallic water and gas pipe systems, building steel, and supplemental or made electrodes. Jumper insulating joints in the metallic piping. All connections to electrodes shall be made with fittings that conform to UL 467.
 - 2. Provide a supplemental ground electrode and bond to the grounding electrode system.
- C. Service Disconnect (Separate Individual Enclosure): Provide a ground bar bolted to the enclosure with lugs for connecting the various grounding conductors.
- D. Switchgear, Switchboards, Unit Substations, and Motor Control Centers:
 - 1. Connect the various feeder equipment grounding conductors to the ground bus in the enclosure with suitable pressure connectors.
 - 2. For service entrance equipment, connect the grounding electrode conductor to the ground bus.
 - 3. Connect metallic conduits, which terminate without mechanical connection to the housing, by grounding bushings and grounding conductor to the equipment ground bus.
- E. Transformers:
 - 1. Exterior: Exterior transformers supplying interior service equipment shall have the neutral grounded at the transformer secondary. Provide a grounding electrode at the transformer.
 - 2. Separately derived systems (transformers downstream from service equipment): Ground the secondary neutral at the transformer. Provide a grounding electrode conductor from the transformer to the nearest component of the grounding electrode system.
- F. Conduit Systems:
 - 1. Ground all metallic conduit systems. All metallic conduit systems shall contain an equipment grounding conductor.

2. Non-metallic conduit systems shall contain an equipment grounding conductor, except that non-metallic feeder conduits which carry a grounded conductor from exterior transformers to interior or building-mounted service entrance equipment need not contain an equipment grounding conductor.
 3. Conduit containing only a grounding conductor, and which is provided for mechanical protection of the conductor, shall be bonded to that conductor at the entrance and exit from the conduit.
- G. Feeders and Branch Circuits: Install equipment grounding conductors with all feeders and power and lighting branch circuits.
- H. Boxes, Cabinets, Enclosures, and Panelboards:
1. Bond the equipment grounding conductor to each pullbox, junction box, outlet box, device box, cabinets, and other enclosures through which the conductor passes (except for special grounding systems for intensive care units and other critical units shown).
 2. Provide lugs in each box and enclosure for equipment grounding conductor termination.
 3. Provide ground bars in panelboards, bolted to the housing, with sufficient lugs to terminate the equipment grounding conductors.
- I. Motors and Starters: Provide lugs in motor terminal box and starter housing or motor control center compartment to terminate equipment grounding conductors.
- J. Receptacles shall not be grounded through their mounting screws. Ground with a jumper from the receptacle green ground terminal to the device box ground screw and the branch circuit equipment grounding conductor.
- K. Ground lighting fixtures to the equipment grounding conductor of the wiring system. Fixtures connected with flexible conduit shall have a green ground wire included with the power wires from the fixture through the flexible conduit to the first outlet box.
- L. Fixed electrical appliances and equipment shall be provided with a ground lug for termination of the equipment grounding conductor.

3.5 CORROSION INHIBITORS

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

3.6 CONDUCTIVE PIPING

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

3.7 ELECTRICAL ROOM GROUNDING

Building Earth Ground Busbars: Provide ground busbar hardware at each electrical room and connect to pigtail extensions of the building grounding ring.

3.9 WIREWAY GROUNDING

- A. Ground and Bond Metallic Wireway Systems as follows:
1. Bond the metallic structures of wireway to provide 100 percent electrical continuity throughout the wireway system by connecting a 6 AWG bonding jumper at all intermediate metallic enclosures and across all section junctions.
 2. Install insulated 6 AWG bonding jumpers between the wireway system bonded as required in paragraph 1 above, and the closest building ground at each end and approximately every 50 feet.
 3. Use insulated 6 AWG bonding jumpers to ground or bond metallic wireway at each end at all intermediate metallic enclosures and cross all section junctions.

3.10 GROUND RESISTANCE

- A. Grounding system resistance to ground shall not exceed 5 ohms. Make necessary modifications or additions to the grounding electrode system for compliance without additional cost to the Government. Final tests shall assure that this requirement is met.
- B. Resistance of the grounding electrode system shall be measured using a four-terminal fall-of-potential method as defined in IEEE 81. Ground resistance measurements shall be made before the electrical distribution system is energized and shall be made in normally dry conditions not less than 48 hours after the last rainfall. Resistance measurements of separate grounding electrode systems shall be made before the systems are bonded together below grade. The combined resistance of separate systems may be used to meet the required resistance, but the specified number of electrodes must still be provided.
- C. Services at power company interface points shall comply with the power company ground resistance requirements.

- D. Below-grade connections shall be visually inspected by the Resident Engineer prior to backfilling. The Contractor shall notify the Resident Engineer 24 hours before the connections are ready for inspection.

3.11 GROUND ROD INSTALLATION

- A. Drive each rod vertically in the earth, not less than 10 feet in depth.
- B. Where permanently concealed ground connections are required, make the connections by the exothermic process to form solid metal joints. Make accessible ground connections with mechanical pressure type ground connectors.
- C. Where rock prevents the driving of vertical ground rods, install angled ground rods or grounding electrodes in horizontal trenches to achieve the specified resistance.

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SECTION 26 05 33
RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

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

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Bedding of conduits: Section 31 20 00, EARTH MOVING.
- B. Sealing around penetrations to maintain the integrity of fire rated construction: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- D. Sealing around conduit penetrations through the building envelope to prevent moisture migration into the building: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- E. Identification and painting of conduit and other devices: Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
- F. General electrical requirements and items that is common to more than one section of Division 26: Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- G. Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents: Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

In accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES, furnish the following:

- A. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Size and location of main feeders;
 - 2. Size and location of panels and pull boxes
 - 3. Layout of required conduit penetrations through structural elements.
 - 4. The specific item proposed and its area of application shall be identified on the catalog cuts.
- B. Certification: Prior to final inspection, deliver to the Resident Engineer four copies of the certification that the material is in accordance with the drawings and specifications and has been properly installed.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
70-05.....National Electrical Code (NEC)
- C. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):
1-03.....Flexible Metal Conduit
5-01.....Surface Metal Raceway and Fittings
6-03.....Rigid Metal Conduit
50-03.....Enclosures for Electrical Equipment
360-03.....Liquid-Tight Flexible Steel Conduit
467-01.....Grounding and Bonding Equipment
514A-01.....Metallic Outlet Boxes
514B-02.....Fittings for Cable and Conduit
514C-05.....Nonmetallic Outlet Boxes, Flush-Device Boxes and
Covers
651-02.....Schedule 40 and 80 Rigid PVC Conduit
651A-03.....Type EB and A Rigid PVC Conduit and HDPE Conduit
797-03.....Electrical Metallic Tubing
1242-00.....Intermediate Metal Conduit
- D. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
TC-3-04.....PVC Fittings for Use with Rigid PVC Conduit and
Tubing
FB1-03.....Fittings, Cast Metal Boxes and Conduit Bodies
for Conduit, Electrical Metallic Tubing and
Cable

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIAL

- A. Conduit Size: In accordance with the NEC, but not less than (3/4 inch unless otherwise shown. Where permitted by the NEC, 1/2 inch flexible conduit may be used for tap connections to recessed lighting fixtures.
- B. Conduit:
1. Rigid galvanized steel: Shall Conform to UL 6, ANSI C80.1.
 2. Rigid aluminum: Shall Conform to UL 6A, ANSI C80.5.
 3. Rigid intermediate steel conduit (IMC): Shall Conform to UL 1242, ANSI C80.6.

4. Electrical metallic tubing (EMT): Shall Conform to UL 797, ANSI C80.3. Maximum size not to exceed 4 inch and shall be permitted only with cable rated 600 volts or less.
5. Flexible galvanized steel conduit: Shall Conform to UL 1.
6. Liquid-tight flexible metal conduit: Shall Conform to UL 360.
7. Direct burial plastic conduit: Shall conform to UL 651 and UL 651A, heavy wall PVC or high density polyethylene (PE).
8. Surface metal raceway: Shall Conform to UL 5.

C. Conduit Fittings:

1. Rigid steel and IMC conduit fittings:
 - a. Fittings shall meet the requirements of UL 514B and ANSI/ NEMA FB1.
 - a. Standard threaded couplings, locknuts, bushings, and elbows: Only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable. Integral retractable type IMC couplings are also acceptable.
 - b. Locknuts: Bonding type with sharp edges for digging into the metal wall of an enclosure.
 - c. Bushings: Metallic insulating type, consisting of an insulating insert molded or locked into the metallic body of the fitting. Bushings made entirely of metal or nonmetallic material are not permitted.
 - d. Erickson (union-type) and set screw type couplings: Approved for use in concrete are permitted for use to complete a conduit run where conduit is installed in concrete. Use set screws of case hardened steel with hex head and cup point to firmly seat in conduit wall for positive ground. Tightening of set screws with pliers is prohibited.
 - e. Sealing fittings: Threaded cast iron type. Use continuous drain type sealing fittings to prevent passage of water vapor. In concealed work, install fittings in flush steel boxes with blank cover plates having the same finishes as that of other electrical plates in the room.
2. Rigid aluminum conduit fittings:
 - a. Standard threaded couplings, locknuts, bushings, and elbows: Malleable iron, steel or aluminum alloy materials; Zinc or cadmium plate iron or steel fittings. Aluminum fittings containing more than 0.4 percent copper are prohibited.
 - b. Locknuts and bushings: As specified for rigid steel and IMC conduit.
 - c. Set screw fittings: Not permitted for use with aluminum conduit.
3. Electrical metallic tubing fittings:

- a. Fittings shall meet the requirements of UL 514B and ANSI/ NEMA FB1.
 - b. Only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable.
 - c. Couplings and connectors: Concrete tight and rain tight, with connectors having insulated throats. Use gland and ring compression type couplings and connectors for conduit sizes 2 inches and smaller. Use set screw type couplings with four set screws each for conduit sizes over 2 inches. Use set screws of case-hardened steel with hex head and cup point to firmly seat in wall of conduit for positive grounding.
 - d. Indent type connectors or couplings are prohibited.
 - e. Die-cast or pressure-cast zinc-alloy fittings or fittings made of "pot metal" are prohibited.
4. Flexible steel conduit fittings:
- a. Conform to UL 514B. Only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable.
 - b. Clamp type, with insulated throat.
5. Liquid-tight flexible metal conduit fittings:
- a. Fittings shall meet the requirements of UL 514B and ANSI/ NEMA FB1.
 - b. Only steel or malleable iron materials are acceptable.
 - c. Fittings must incorporate a threaded grounding cone, a steel or plastic compression ring, and a gland for tightening. Connectors shall have insulated throats.
6. Direct burial plastic conduit fittings:
- a. Fittings shall meet the requirements of UL 514C and NEMA TC3.
 - b. As recommended by the conduit manufacturer.
7. Surface metal raceway fittings: As recommended by the raceway manufacturer.
8. Expansion and deflection couplings:
- a. Conform to UL 467 and UL 514B.
 - b. Accommodate, 19 mm (0.75 inch) deflection, expansion, or contraction in any direction, and allow 30 degree angular deflections.
 - c. Include internal flexible metal braid sized to guarantee conduit ground continuity and fault currents in accordance with UL 467, and the NEC code tables for ground conductors.
 - d. Jacket: Flexible, corrosion-resistant, watertight, moisture and heat resistant molded rubber material with stainless steel jacket clamps.
- D. Conduit Supports:

1. Parts and hardware: Zinc-coat or provide equivalent corrosion protection.
 2. Individual Conduit Hangers: Designed for the purpose, having a pre-assembled closure bolt and nut, and provisions for receiving a hanger rod.
 3. Multiple conduit (trapeze) hangers: Not less than 1-1/2 by 1-1/2 inch, 12 gage steel, cold formed, lipped channels; with not less than 3/8 inch diameter steel hanger rods.
 4. Solid Masonry and Concrete Anchors: Self-drilling expansion shields, or machine bolt expansion.
- E. Outlet, Junction, and Pull Boxes:
1. UL-50 and UL-514A.
 2. Single piece cast metal where required by the NEC or shown, and equipped with matched rustproof/weatherproof cover and gasket.
 3. Sheet metal boxes: Galvanized steel, except where otherwise shown.
 4. Flush mounted wall or ceiling boxes shall be installed with raised covers so that front face of raised cover is flush with the wall. Surface mounted wall or ceiling boxes shall be installed with surface style flat or raised covers.
- F. Wireways: Equip with hinged covers, except where removable covers are shown.
- G. Warning Tape: Standard, 4-Mil polyethylene 76 mm (3 inch) wide tape detectable type, red with black letters, and imprinted with "CAUTION BURIED ELECTRIC LINE BELOW".

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PENETRATIONS

- A. Cutting or Holes:
1. Locate holes in advance where they are proposed in the structural sections such as ribs or beams. Obtain the approval of the // Resident Engineer prior to drilling through structural sections.
 2. Cut holes through concrete and masonry in new and existing structures with a diamond core drill or concrete saw. Pneumatic hammer, impact electric, hand or manual hammer type drills are not allowed, except where permitted by the Resident Engineer.
- B. Fire Stop: Where conduits, wireways, and other electrical raceways pass through fire partitions, fire walls, smoke partitions, or floors, install a fire stop that provides an effective barrier against the spread of fire, smoke and gases as specified in Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING, with rock wool fiber or silicone foam sealant only.

Completely fill and seal clearances between raceways and openings with the fire stop material.

- C. Waterproofing: At floor, exterior wall, and roof conduit penetrations, completely seal clearances around the conduit and make watertight as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.

3.2 INSTALLATION, GENERAL

- A. In accordance with UL, NEC, as shown, and as hereinafter specified.

- B. Essential (Emergency) raceway systems shall be entirely independent of other raceway systems, except where specifically "accepted" by NEC Article 517.

- C. Install conduit as follows:

1. In complete runs before pulling in cables or wires.
2. Flattened, dented, or deformed conduit is not permitted. Remove and replace the damaged conduits with new undamaged material.
3. Assure conduit installation does not encroach into the ceiling height head room, walkways, or doorways.
4. Cut square with a hacksaw, ream, remove burrs, and draw up tight.
5. Mechanically and electrically continuous.
6. Independently support conduit as required by the NEC but no more than 8'0" on center maximum. Do not use other supports i.e., (suspended ceilings, suspended ceiling supporting members, lighting fixtures, conduits, mechanical piping, or mechanical ducts).
7. Support within 1 foot of changes of direction, and within 1 foot of each enclosure to which connected.
8. Close ends of empty conduit with plugs or caps at the rough-in stage to prevent entry of debris, until wires are pulled in.
9. Conduit installations under fume and vent hoods are prohibited.
10. Secure conduits to cabinets, junction boxes, pull boxes and outlet boxes with bonding type locknuts. For rigid and IMC conduit installations, provide a locknut on the inside of the enclosure, made up wrench tight. Do not make conduit connections to junction box covers.
11. Flashing of penetrations of the roof membrane is specified in Section 07 60 00, FLASHING AND SHEET METAL.
12. Do not use aluminum conduits in wet locations.
13. Unless otherwise indicated on the drawings or specified herein, all conduits shall be installed concealed within finished walls, floors and ceilings.

- D. Conduit Bends:

1. Make bends with standard conduit bending machines.

2. Conduit hickey may be used for slight offsets, and for straightening stubbed out conduits.
3. Bending of conduits with a pipe tee or vise is prohibited.

E. Layout and Homeruns:

1. Install conduit with wiring, including homeruns, as shown.
2. Deviations: Make only where necessary to avoid interferences and only after drawings showing the proposed deviations have been submitted approved by the Resident Engineer.

3.3 CONCEALED WORK INSTALLATION

A. In Concrete:

1. Conduit: Rigid steel, IMC or EMT. Do not install EMT in concrete slabs that are in contact with soil, gravel or vapor barriers.
2. Align and run conduit in direct lines.
3. Install conduit through concrete beams only when the following occurs:
 - a. Where shown on the structural drawings.
 - b. As approved by the Resident Engineer prior to construction, and after submittal of drawing showing location, size, and position of each penetration.
4. Installation of conduit in concrete that is less than 3 inches thick is prohibited.
 - a. Conduit outside diameter larger than 1/3 of the slab thickness is prohibited.
 - b. Space between conduits in slabs: Approximately six conduit diameters apart, except one conduit diameter at conduit crossings.
 - c. Install conduits approximately in the center of the slab so that there will be a minimum of 3/4 inch of concrete around the conduits.
5. Make couplings and connections watertight. Use thread compounds that are UL approved conductive type to insure low resistance ground continuity through the conduits. Tightening set screws with pliers is prohibited.

B. Furred or Suspended Ceilings and in Walls:

1. Conduit for conductors above 600 volts:
 - a. Rigid steel or rigid aluminum.
2. Conduit for conductors 600 volts and below:
 - a. Rigid steel, IMC, rigid aluminum, or EMT. Different type conduits mixed indiscriminately in the same system is prohibited.
3. Align and run conduit parallel or perpendicular to the building lines.

4. Connect recessed lighting fixtures to conduit runs with maximum six feet of flexible metal conduit extending from a junction box to the fixture.
5. Tightening set screws with pliers is prohibited.

3.4 EXPOSED WORK INSTALLATION

- A. Unless otherwise indicated on the drawings, exposed conduit is only permitted in mechanical and electrical rooms.
- B. Conduit for conductors above 600 volts:
 1. Rigid steel or rigid aluminum.
 2. Aluminum conduit mixed indiscriminately with other types in the same system is prohibited.
- C. Conduit for Conductors 600 volts and below:
 1. Rigid steel, IMC, rigid aluminum, or EMT. Different type of conduits mixed indiscriminately in the system is prohibited.
- D. Align and run conduit parallel or perpendicular to the building lines.
- E. Install horizontal runs close to the ceiling or beams and secure with conduit straps.
- F. Support horizontal or vertical runs as required by the NEC but no more than 8'0" on center maximum.
- G. Surface metal raceways: Use only where shown.
- H. Painting:
 1. Paint exposed conduit as specified in Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

3.5 DIRECT BURIAL INSTALLATION

- A. Exterior routing of Lighting Systems and Other Branch circuits (600 Volt and Less, and 5 feet from the buildings):
 1. Conduit: Thick wall PVC, unless otherwise shown.
 2. Mark conduit at uniform intervals to show the kind of material, direct burial type, and the UL approval label.
 3. Install conduit fittings and terminations as recommended by the conduit manufacturer.
 4. Tops of conduits shall be as follows unless otherwise shown:
 - a. Not less than 24 inches below finished grade.
 - b. Not less than 30 inches below road and other paved surfaces.
 5. Work with extreme care near existing ducts, conduits, cables, and other utilities to avoid damaging them.
 6. Excavation for conduit bedding and back-filling of trenches is specified in Section 31 20 00, EARTH MOVING.
 - a. Cut the trenches neatly and uniformly.
 - b. Do not kink the conduits.

7. Seal conduits, including spare conduits, at building entrances and at outdoor terminations for equipment with a suitable compound that prevents the entrance of moisture and gases.
8. Where metal conduit is shown, install threaded heavy wall rigid steel galvanized conduit or type A20 rigid steel galvanized conduit coated with .5 mm (20 mil) bonded PVC.
9. Warning tape shall be continuously placed 12 inches above conduits or electric lines.

3.6 HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS

- A. Use rigid steel conduit only, notwithstanding requirements otherwise specified in this or other sections of these specifications.
- B. Install UL approved sealing fittings, that prevent passage of explosive vapors, in hazardous areas equipped with explosive proof lighting fixtures, switches, and receptacles, as required by the NEC.

3.7 WET OR DAMP LOCATIONS

- A. Unless otherwise shown, use conduits of rigid steel or IMC.
- B. Provide sealing fittings, to prevent passage of water vapor, where conduits pass from warm to cold locations, i.e., (refrigerated spaces, constant temperature rooms, air conditioned spaces building exterior walls, roofs) or similar spaces.
- C. Unless otherwise shown, use rigid steel or IMC conduit within 5 feet of the exterior and below concrete building slabs in contact with soil, gravel, or vapor barriers. Conduit shall include an outer factory coating of .5 mm (20 mil) bonded PVC. After installation, completely repair damaged areas of coating.

3.8 MOTORS AND VIBRATING EQUIPMENT

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

3.9 EXPANSION JOINTS

- A. Conduits 3 inches and larger, that are secured to the building structure on opposite sides of a building expansion joint, require expansion and deflection couplings. Install the couplings in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

- B. Provide conduits smaller than 3 inches with junction boxes on both sides of the expansion joint. Connect conduits to junction boxes with sufficient slack of flexible conduit to produce 5 inch vertical drop midway between the ends. Flexible conduit shall have a copper green ground bonding jumper installed. In lieu of this flexible conduit, expansion and deflection couplings as specified above are acceptable.
- C. Install expansion and deflection couplings where shown.
- D. Seismic Areas: In seismic areas, provide conduits rigidly secured to the building structure on opposite sides of a building expansion joint with junction boxes on both sides of the joint. Connect conduits to junction boxes with 15 inches of slack flexible conduit. Flexible conduit shall have a copper green ground bonding jumper installed.

3.10 CONDUIT SUPPORTS, INSTALLATION

- A. Safe working load shall not exceed 1/4 of proof test load of fastening devices.
- B. Use pipe straps or individual conduit hangers for supporting individual conduits. Maximum distance between supports is 8 foot on center.
- C. Support multiple conduit runs with trapeze hangers. Use trapeze hangers that are designed to support a load equal to or greater than the sum of the weights of the conduits, wires, hanger itself, and 200 pounds. Attach each conduit with U-bolts or other approved fasteners.
- D. Support conduit independently of junction boxes, pull boxes, fixtures, suspended ceiling T-bars, angle supports, and similar items.
- E. Fasteners and Supports in Solid Masonry and Concrete:
 - 1. New Construction: Use steel or malleable iron concrete inserts set in place prior to placing the concrete.
 - 2. Existing Construction:
 - a. Steel expansion anchors not less than 1/4 inch bolt size and not less than 1-1/8 inch embedment.
 - b. Use vibration and shock resistant anchors and fasteners for attaching to concrete ceilings.
- F. Hollow Masonry: Toggle bolts are permitted.
- G. Bolts supported only by plaster or gypsum wallboard are not acceptable.
- H. Metal Structures: Use machine screw fasteners or other devices specifically designed and approved for the application.
- I. Attachment by wood plugs, rawl plug, plastic, lead or soft metal anchors, or wood blocking and bolts supported only by plaster is prohibited.
- J. Chain, wire, or perforated strap shall not be used to support or fasten conduit.

- K. Spring steel type supports or fasteners are prohibited for all uses except: Horizontal and vertical supports/fasteners within walls.
- L. Vertical Supports: Vertical conduit runs shall have riser clamps and supports in accordance with the NEC and as shown. Provide supports for cable and wire with fittings that include internal wedges and retaining collars.

3.11 BOX INSTALLATION

- A. Boxes for Concealed Conduits:
 - 1. Flush mounted.
 - 2. Provide raised covers for boxes to suit the wall or ceiling, construction and finish.
- B. In addition to boxes shown, install additional boxes where needed to comply with the requirements of the NEC or prevent damage to cables and wires during pulling in operations.
- C. Remove only knockouts as required and plug unused openings. Use threaded plugs for cast metal boxes and snap-in metal covers for sheet metal boxes.
- D. Outlet boxes in the same wall mounted back-to-back are prohibited. A minimum 24 inch, center-to-center lateral spacing shall be maintained between boxes.)
- E. Minimum size of outlet boxes for ground fault interrupter (GFI) receptacles is 4 inches square by 2-1/8 inches deep, with device covers for the wall material and thickness involved.
- F. Stencil or install phenolic nameplates on covers of the boxes identified on riser diagrams; for example "SIG-FA JB No. 1".
- G. On all Branch Circuit junction box covers, identify the circuits with black marker.

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**SECTION 26 05 41
UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies the furnishing, installation and connection of manholes, handholes and ducts to form a complete underground raceway system.
- B. "Duct" and "conduit", and "rigid metal conduit" and "rigid steel conduit" are used interchangeably in this specification and have the same meaning.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS: Sealing of conduit penetrations.
- B. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements and items that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- C. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits, fittings and boxes for raceway systems.
- D. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Sufficient information, clearly presented, shall be included to determine compliance with drawings and specifications.
 - 2. Include manholes, handholes, duct materials, and hardware. Proposed deviations from details on the drawings shall be clearly marked on the submittals.

If necessary to locate manholes or handholes at locations other than shown on the drawings, show the proposed locations accurately on scaled site drawings, and submit four copies to the Resident Engineer for approval prior to construction.

- 3. Reinforcement shop drawings for precast manholes prepared in accordance with ACI-SP-66.

4. Precast manholes and handholes: Submit plans on elevation showing openings, pulling irons cable supports, sump and other details. Also, submit detail drawings and design calculations for approval prior to installation. Submittal shall bear the seal of a registered structural engineer.

C. Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit four copies of the following to the Resident Engineer:

1. Certification that the materials are in accordance with the drawings and specifications.
2. Certification, by the Contractor, that the complete installation has been properly installed and tested.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.

A. American Concrete Institute (ACI):

Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete

318/318M-2005.....Building Code Requirements for Structural
Concrete & Commentary

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

B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

C478/C478M 2006(b).....Standard Specification for Precast Reinforced
Concrete Manhole Sections

C990 REV A 2003Standard Specification for joints concrete
pipe, Manholes and Precast Box using performed
flexible Joint sealants.

C. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE):

C2-2002National Electrical Safety Code

D. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):

RNI 2005.....Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Externally Coated
Galvanized Rigid Steel Conduit and Intermediate
Metal Conduit

TC 2 2003.....Electrical Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Tubing And
Conduit

TC 3-2004.....PVC Fittings for Use With Rigid PVC Conduit And
Tubing

TC 6 & 8 2003.....PVC Plastic Utilities Duct For Underground
Installations

TC 9-2004.....Fittings For PVC Plastic Utilities Duct For
Underground Installation

E. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70 2005.....National Electrical Code (NEC)

F. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

6-2004.....Electrical Rigid Metal Conduit-Steel

467-2004.....Standard for Grounding and Bonding Equipment

651-2005.....Standard for Schedule 40 and 80 Rigid PVC
Conduit and Fittings

651A-2003.....Type EB and A Rigid PVC Conduit and HDPE
Conduit, (RTRC)

651B-2002.....Continuous Length HDPE Conduit

G. U.S. General Services Administration (GSA):

A-A-60005-1998.....Frames, Covers, Gratings, Steps, Sump and Catch
Basin, Manhole

SS-S-210A-1981.....Sealing Compound, Preformed Plastic for
Expansion joints And Pipe Joints

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 CONCRETE MANHOLES AND HARDWARE

A. Reinforced Concrete: ACI 318, 20MPA (3000 psi) minimum 28-day
compressive strength.

B. Reinforcing Steel: Number 4 minimum.

C. Manhole Hardware:

1. Frames and covers (traffic type):

a. GSA A-A-60005 Type III.

b. Frames: Style A, size 30A.

c. Covers, Type D, size 30A, marked "POWER" or "SIGNAL" as
applicable.

d. Refer to details on plans.

2. Sump frames and gratings:

a. GSA A-A-60005.

b. Frames, Type VII.

c. Gratings, Type I.

d. Refer to details on plans.

3. Pulling Irons: 22 mm (7/8-inch) diameter hot-dipped galvanized steel bar with exposed triangular shaped opening.

4. Cable supports:

- a. Cable stanchions, hot rolled, heavy duty, hot-dipped galvanized "T" section steel 2-1/4 inches by 1/4-inch in size and punched with 14 holes on 1-1/2 inch centers for attaching cable arms.
- b. Cable arms, 3/16-inch gage, hot rolled, hot-dipped galvanized sheet steel pressed to channel shape. Arms shall be approximately 2-1/2 inches wide and 14 inches long.
- c. Insulators for cable supports, high glazed, wet process porcelain.
- d. Spares: Equip each cable stanchion with two spare cable arms and six spare insulators for future use.
- e. Miscellaneous hardware, hot-dipped galvanized steel.

5. Manhole Ladders:

Manhole Ladders: Aluminum with 16 inch rung spacing, and per the requirements of Section 05 50 00, METAL FABRICATIONS.

D. Handhole Hardware:

- 1. Frames and covers configuration as shown on the drawings. Cast the words "POWER" and "SIGNAL" in the top face of the power and telephone manhole covers respectively.
- 2. Pulling irons, 7/8-inch diameter galvanized steel bar with exposed triangular shaped opening.
- 3. Cable supports are not required.

E. Ground Rod Sleeve: Provide a 3 inch PVC sleeve in manhole floors so that a driven ground rod may be installed.

F. In lieu of poured-in-place manholes and handholes, the Contractor may provide precast units. Units shall comply with ASTM C478, C478M.

- 1. Size: Plan area and clear height shall be not less than that shown on the drawings for poured-in-place type.
- 2. Accessories, hardware, and facilities shall be the same as required for poured-in-place type.
- 3. Assume ground water level 3 feet below ground surface.
- 4. Construction:
 - a. Units, precast monolithically or of assembled sections. Base and first riser shall be monolithic.

- b. Provide tongue-and-groove joints to firmly interlock adjoining components. Seal joints watertight using preformed plastic or rubber materials conforming to ASTM C990 or GSA SS-S-210A. Install sealing material in strict accordance with the sealant manufacturers' printed instructions.
- c. Provide lifting devices cast into units.
- d. Identify all structures with manufacturer's name embedded in, or otherwise permanently attached to an interior wall face.
- e. Provide a sleeve in manhole floors so that a driven ground rod may be installed.

2.2 FIBERGLASS HANDHOLES:

Shall be matched die molded of dark green fiberglass with approximate dimensions of 32 inches high, top surface of 43 by 37½ inches, and top opening of 32 by 26 inches. When buried, the unit shall be capable of supporting an ultimate downward load of 6500 pounds distributed over a 6 by 6 inch area imposed anywhere on the cover surface. Unit shall have precut 6 by 6 inches cable entrance at the center bottom of each side. A fiberglass weatherproof cover with nonskid surface shall be provided for each handhole. Covers shall be capable of being locked into position.

2.3. DUCTS:

- A. Number and sizes shall be as shown on drawings.
- B. Ducts (concrete encased):
 - 1. Plastic Duct:
 - a. NEMA TC6 & 8 and TC9 plastic utilities duct, UL 651 and 651A Schedule 40 PVC.
 - b. Duct shall be suitable for use with 90 degree C rated conductors.
 - 2. Conduit Spacers: Prefabricated plastic.
- C. Ducts (direct burial):
 - 1. Plastic duct:
 - a. NEMA TC2 and TC3
 - b. UL 651, 651A and 651B, Schedule 40, Schedule 80 PVC or HDPE.
 - c. Duct shall be suitable for use with 75 degree C rated conductors.
 - 2. Rigid metal conduit, PVC-coated: UL6 and NEMA RN1 galvanized rigid steel, threaded type, coated with PVC sheath bonded to the galvanized exterior surface, 0.040 inch thick.

2.4 GROUNDING

A. Rods: Per Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS and UL 467

B. Ground Wire: Stranded bare copper 6 AWG minimum.

2.5 WARNING TAPE:

Standard 4-mil polyethylene 76 mm (3 inch) wide tape, detectable type, red with black letters, imprinted with "CAUTION BURIED ELECTRIC CABLE BELOW".

2.6 PULL ROPE:

Plastic with 890N (200 pound) minimum tensile strength.

PART 3 - EXECUTION**3.1 MANHOLE AND HANDHOLE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION****A. General Requirements:**

1. Construct manholes of reinforced concrete.
2. Locate manholes and handholes at the approximate locations shown on the drawings with due consideration given to the location of other utilities, grades, and paving.
3. Steel reinforcing concrete cover, not less than 2 inches thick for exterior surfaces, 1 1/2 inches thick for interior surfaces, and 1 inch thick for the bottom surfaces of the top slabs.
4. Walls, floors, and top:
 - a. Construct monolithic walls and floors with window openings in walls for ducts.
 - b. Provide sump pits in the floor of manholes for drainage.
 - c. Provide manhole with a circular opening suitable for the installation of the frame and cover. Provide water stops at framed cold joints.
5. Duct terminations: Provide windows at duct bank terminations and fill with concrete after duct placement. Terminations shall be sealed watertight.
6. Pulling irons:
 - a. Provide pulling irons opposite each duct entrance.
 - b. Cast pulling irons in the walls opposite duct windows approximately 6 inches above the top of the window.

B. Manhole Access:

1. Manhole chimney shall consist of a sufficient number of brick and mortar courses between top of manhole and manhole frame to reach the required level. Grout the manhole frame to the chimney.

2. The top of frames and covers shall be flush type, with the finish flush with finished grade in paved and unpaved areas.
3. Frames and covers in roadways and paved areas shall be traffic type. In unpaved areas frames and covers may be non-traffic type.

C. Access for Handholes: Make the top of frames and covers flush with finished grade.

D. Manhole Cable Racks:

1. Provide cable racks with porcelain insulator supports in each manhole.
2. Cable support intervals shall not exceed 900mm (36 inches).
3. Install racks at the above spacing on all walls for not less than one cable, whether or not the racks will be used for cables. Install additional racks as required for the cables.
4. Each rack shall include cable support insulators.

E. Ground Rods and Grounding in Manholes:

1. Ground rods:
 - a. Rods shall protrude approximately 4 inches above the manhole floor.
 - b. Poured-in-place manholes: Drive a ground rod into the earth, before the floor is placed, at a convenient point close to the manhole wall.
 - c. Precast manholes: Drive a ground rod into the earth, through the floor sleeve, after the manhole is set in place. Fill the sleeve with a sealant to make a watertight seal.
2. Grounding Conductors:
 - a. Install a 3/0 AWG bare copper ring grounding conductor around the inside perimeter of the manhole and anchor to the walls with metallic cable clips.
 - b. Connect the ring grounding conductor to the ground rod by an exothermic welding process.
 - c. Bond the ring grounding conductor to the duct bank equipment grounding conductors, the exposed non-current carrying metal parts of racks, sump covers, and like items in the manholes with a minimum 6 AWG bare copper jumper.

F. Precast Units:

1. Precast units shall have the same accessories and facilities as specified above.

2. Assembly and installation of precast components shall follow the printed instructions and recommendations of the manufacturer of the units.
3. Units shall be installed on a 12 inch level bed of 90% compacted granular fill, well-graded from the 1 inch sieve to the No. 4 sieve. Granular fill shall be compacted with a minimum of four passes with a plate compactor.
4. Seal duct terminations watertight.

G. Ladders: Provide securely mounted ladder for every manhole over 4 feet deep.

3.2 TRENCHING

- A. Refer to Section 31 20 11 EARTH MOVING (SHORT FORM) for trenching back-filling, and compaction.
- B. Work with extreme care near existing ducts, conduits, cables, and other utilities to avoid damaging them.
- C. Cut the trenches neatly and uniformly.
- D. For Concrete Encased Ducts:
 1. After excavation of the trench, stakes shall be driven in the bottom of the trench at 4 foot intervals to establish the grade and route of the duct bank.
 2. Pitch the trenches uniformly towards manholes or both ways from high points between manholes for the required duct line drainage. Avoid pitching the ducts towards buildings wherever possible.
 3. The walls of the trench may be used to form the side walls of the duct bank provided that the soil is self-supporting and that concrete envelope can be poured without soil inclusions. Forms are required where the soil is not self-supporting.
 4. After the concrete encased duct has sufficiently cured, the trench shall be backfilled to grade with earth, with appropriate warning tape attached.
- E. Conduits to be installed under existing paved areas, roads, and railroad tracks that are not to be disturbed shall be jacked into place. Conduits shall be PVC-coated rigid metal.

3.3 DUCT INSTALLATION

- A. General Requirements:
 1. Ducts shall be in accordance with the NEC and IEEE C2, as shown on the drawings, and as specified.

2. Slope ducts to drain towards manholes and handholes, and away from building and equipment entrances. Pitch not less than 4 inches in 100 feet.
 3. Underground conduit stub-ups and sweeps to equipment inside of buildings shall be PVC-coated galvanized rigid steel, and shall extend a minimum of 5 feet outside of building foundation.
 4. Stub-ups, sweeps, and risers to equipment mounted on outdoor concrete slabs shall be PVC-coated galvanized rigid steel, and shall extend a minimum of 5 feet away from edge of slab.
 5. Install insulated grounding bushings on the terminations.
 6. PVC-coated rigid steel conduits shall be coupled to the ducts with suitable adapters, and the whole encased with 3 inches of concrete.
 7. PVC coated rigid steel conduit turns of direction for all duct lines shall have minimum 4 feet radius in the horizontal and vertical directions. PVC conduit sweeps for all duct lines shall have a minimum 40 feet radius in the horizontal and 4 feet in the vertical directions. Where a 40 feet radius is not possible, horizontal turns of direction shall be rigid steel.
 8. All multiple conduit runs shall have conduit spacers. Spacers shall securely support and maintain uniform spacing of the duct assembly a minimum of 75 mm (3 inches) above bottom of trench during the concrete pour. Spacer spacing shall not exceed 5 feet.
 9. Duct lines shall be installed no less than 12 inches from other utility systems, such as water, sewer, and chilled water.
 10. Clearances between individual ducts:
 - a. For like services, not less than 3 inches.
 - b. For power and signal services, not less than 6 inches.
 - c. Provide plastic spacers to maintain clearances.
 - d. Provide nonferrous tie wires to prevent displacement of the ducts during pouring of concrete. Tie wires shall not act as substitute for spacers.
 11. Duct lines shall terminate at window openings in manhole walls as shown on the drawings. All ducts shall be fitted with end bells.
 12. Couple the ducts with proper couplings. Stagger couplings in rows and layers to insure maximum strength and rigidity of the duct bank.
 13. Keep ducts clean of earth, sand, or gravel during construction, and seal with tapered plugs upon completion of each portion of the work.
- B. Concrete Encased Ducts and Conduits:

1. Install concrete encased ducts for medium and high voltage systems, low voltage systems, and signal systems unless otherwise shown on the drawings.
2. Duct lines shall consist of single or multiple duct assemblies encased in concrete. Ducts shall be uniform in size and material throughout the installation.
3. Tops of concrete-encased ducts shall be:
 - a. Not less than 24 inches and not less than shown on the drawings, below finished grade.
 - b. Not less than 30 inches and not less than shown on the drawings, below roads and other paved surfaces.
 - c. Conduits crossing under grade slab construction joints shall be installed a minimum of 4 feet below slab.
4. Extend the concrete envelope encasing the ducts not less than 3 inches beyond the outside walls of the outer ducts and conduits.
5. Within 10 feet of building, manhole and handhole wall penetrations, install reinforcing steel bars at the top and bottom of each concrete envelope to provide protection against vertical shearing.
6. Install reinforcing steel bars at the top and bottom of each concrete envelope of all ducts underneath roadways and parking areas.
7. Where new ducts, conduits, and concrete envelopes are to be joined to existing manholes, handholes, ducts, conduits, and concrete envelopes, make the joints with the proper fittings and fabricate the concrete envelopes to insure smooth durable transitions.
8. Conduit joints in concrete may be placed side by side horizontally but shall be staggered at least 6 inches vertically.
9. For medium voltage duct bank installations, a grounding conductor shall be extend along all electrical duct banks including stubs through each electrical distribution system manhole and to each transformer and switching-station installation.
10. Duct Bank Markers:
 - a. Duct bank markers shall be located at the ends of duct banks except at manholes or handholes at approximately every 200 feet along the duct run and at each change in direction of the duct run. Markers shall be placed 2 feet to the right of the duct bank, facing the longitudinal axis of the run in the direction of the electrical load.

- b. The letter "D" with two arrows shall be impressed or cast on top of the marker. One arrow shall be located below the letter and shall point toward the ducts. Second arrow shall be located adjacent to the letter and shall point in a direction parallel to the ducts. The letter and arrow adjacent to it shall each be approximately 2-inches long. The letter and arrows shall be V-shaped, and shall have a width of stroke at least 1/4 inch at the top and a depth of 1/4 inch.
 - c. In paved areas, the top of the duct markers shall be flush with the finished surface of the paving.
 - d. Where the duct bank changes direction, the arrow located adjacent to the letter shall be cast or impressed with an angle in the arrow the same as the angular change of the duct bank.
- C. Direct Burial Duct and Conduits:
 - 1. Install direct burial ducts and conduits only where shown on the drawings. Provide direct burial ducts only for low voltage systems.
 - 2. Join and terminate ducts and conduits with fittings recommended by conduit manufacturer.
 - 4. Tops of ducts and conduits shall be:
 - a. Not less than 24 inches and not less than shown on the drawings, below finished grade.
 - b. Not less than 30 inches and not less than shown on the drawings, below roads and other paved surfaces.
 - 5. Do not kink the ducts or conduits.
- D. Concrete-Encased and Direct Burial Duct and Conduit Identification:

Place continuous strip of warning tape approximately 12 inches above ducts or conduits before backfilling trenches. Warning tape shall be preprinted with proper identification.
- E. Spare Ducts and Conduits: Where spare ducts are shown, they shall have a nylon pull rope installed. They shall be capped at each end and labeled as to location of the other end.
- F. Duct and Conduit Cleaning:
 - 1. Upon completion of the duct bank installation or installation of direct buried ducts, a standard flexible mandrel shall be pulled through each duct to loosen particles of earth, sand, or foreign material left in the line. The mandrel shall be not less than 12 inches long, and shall have a diameter not less than 1/2 inch less than the inside diameter of the duct. A brush with stiff bristles

shall then be pulled through each duct to remove the loosened particles. The diameter of the brush shall be the same as, or slightly larger than the diameter of the duct.

2. Mandrel pulls shall be witnessed by the Resident Engineer.

- G. Duct and Conduit Sealing: Seal the ducts and conduits at building entrances, and at outdoor terminations for equipment, with a suitable non-hardening compound to prevent the entrance of moisture and gases.
- H. Connections to Manholes: Duct bank envelopes connecting to underground structures shall be flared to have enlarged cross-section at the manhole entrance to provide additional shear strength. Dimensions of the flared cross-section shall be larger than the corresponding manhole opening dimensions by no less than 12 inches in each direction. Perimeter of the duct bank opening in the underground structure shall be flared toward the inside or keyed to provide a positive interlock between the duct bank and the wall of the structure. Use vibrators when this portion of the encasement is poured to assure a seal between the envelope and the wall of the structure.
- I. Connections to Existing Manholes: For duct bank connections to existing structures, break the structure wall out to the dimensions required and preserve steel in the structure wall. Cut steel and extend into the duct bank envelope. Chip the perimeter surface of the duct bank opening to form a key or flared surface, providing a positive connection with the duct bank envelope.
- J. Connections to Existing Ducts: Where connections to existing duct banks are indicated, excavate around the duct banks as necessary. Cut off the duct banks and remove loose concrete from the conduits before installing new concrete-encased ducts. Provide a reinforced concrete collar, poured monolithically with the new duct bank, to take the shear at the joint of the duct banks.
- K. Partially Completed Duct Banks: During construction wherever a construction joint is necessary in a duct bank, prevent debris such as mud and dirt from entering ducts by providing suitable conduit plugs. Fit concrete envelope of a partially completed duct bank with reinforcing steel extending a minimum of 2 feet back into the envelope and a minimum of 2 feet beyond the end of the envelope. Provide one No. 4 bar in each corner, 3 inches from the edge of the envelope. Secure corner bars with two No. 3 ties, spaced approximately 1 foot

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apart. Restrain reinforcing assembly from moving during pouring of
concrete.

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SECTION 26 22 00
LOW-VOLTAGE TRANSFORMERS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies the furnishing, installation and connection of the dry type general-purpose transformers.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements and items that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits and outlet boxes.
- C. Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW): Cables and wiring.
- D. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, submit the following:
- B. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Sufficient information, clearly presented, shall be included to determine compliance with drawings and specifications.
 - 2. Include electrical ratings, impedance, dimensions, weight, mounting details, decibel rating, terminations, temperature rise, no load and full load losses, and connection diagrams.
 - 3. Complete nameplate data including manufacturer's name and catalog number.
- C. Manuals:
 - 1. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, companion copies of complete maintenance and operating manuals including technical data sheets and wiring diagrams.
 - 2. If changes have been made to the originally submitted maintenance and operating manuals, then two weeks prior to final inspection submit four copies of updated maintenance and operating manuals to the Resident Engineer.
- D. Certifications: Two weeks prior to the final inspection, submit four copies of the following to the Resident Engineer:
 - 1. Certification by the manufacturer that the transformers conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.

2. Certification that the equipment has been properly installed and tested.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only.
- B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
70-05.....National Electrical Code (NEC)
- C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
ST 20-97.....Dry-Type Transformers for General Applications

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 GENERAL PURPOSE DRY TYPE TRANSFORMERS

- A. Unless otherwise specified, dry type transformers shall be in accordance with NEMA, NEC and as shown on the drawings. Transformers shall be UL listed or labeled.
- B. Dry type transformers shall have the following features:
 1. Self-cooled by natural convection, isolating windings, indoor, dry type. Autotransformers will not be accepted.
 2. Rating and winding connections shall be as shown on the drawings.
 3. Transformers shall have copper windings.
 4. Ratings shown on the drawings are for continuous-duty without the use of cooling fans.
 5. Insulation systems:
 - a. Transformers 30 KVA and larger: UL rated 220 degrees C system having an average maximum rise by resistance of 150 degrees C in a maximum ambient of 40 degrees C.
 - b. Transformers below 30 KVA: Same as for 30 KVA and larger.
 6. Core and coil assemblies:
 - a. Rigidly braced to withstand the stresses caused by short circuit currents and rough handling during shipment.
 - b. Cores shall be grain oriented, non-aging, and silicon steel.
 - c. Coils shall be continuous windings without splices except for taps.
 - d. Coil loss and core loss shall be minimum for efficient operation.
 - e. Primary and secondary tap connections shall be brazed or pressure type.
 - f. Coil windings shall have end fillers or tie downs for maximum strength.
 7. Transformer electrical ratings:
 - a. Provide KW ratings as shown on the drawings.

- b. Voltage ratings shall be 480VAC, 3 wire, delta primary and 208/120VAC, 4 wire, wye secondary unless shown otherwise shown on the drawings.
 - c. Transformers shall be K-13 rated unless shown otherwise on the drawings.
8. Certified sound levels determined in accordance with NEMA, shall not exceed the following:
- | Transformer Rating | Sound Level Rating |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0 - 9 KVA | 40 dB |
| 10 - 50 KVA | 45 dB |
| 51 - 150 KVA | 50 dB |
| 151 - 300 KVA | 55 dB |
| 301 - 500 KVA | 60 dB |
9. Nominal impedance shall be as shown on the drawings. If not shown on drawings, nominal impedance shall be as permitted by NEMA.
10. Single phase transformers rated 15 KVA through 25 KVA shall have two, 5 percent full capacity taps below normal rated primary voltage. All transformers rated 30 KVA and larger shall have two, 2-1/2 percent full capacity taps above, and four, 2-1/2 percent full capacity taps below normal rated primary voltage.
11. Core assemblies shall be grounded to their enclosures by adequate flexible ground straps.
12. Enclosures:
- a. Not less than code gage steel.
 - b. Outdoor enclosures shall be NEMA 3R with small animal/bird screens on all openings.
 - c. Temperature rise at hottest spot shall conform to NEMA Standards, and shall not bake and peel off the enclosure paint after the transformer has been placed in service.
 - d. Ventilation openings shall prevent accidental access to live components.
 - e. Thoroughly clean and paint enclosure at the factory with manufacturer's prime coat and standard finish.
13. Standard NEMA features and accessories including ground pad, lifting provisions and nameplate with the wiring diagram and sound level indicated on it.

14. Dimensions and configurations shall conform to the spaces designated for their installations.
15. Transformers shall meet the minimum energy efficiency values per NEMA TP1 as listed below:

kVA Rating	Output efficiency (%)
15	97
30	97.5
45	97.7
75	98
112.5	98.2
150	98.3
225	98.5
300	98.6
500	98.7
750	98.8

2.3 NOISE ISOLATION TRANSFORMERS

- A. Shall be as specified in Paragraph 2.1, with additional features as specified herein.
- B. Full-width copper electrostatic shield between primary and secondary windings.
- C. Low pass filter
- D. Common mode noise attenuation: 60 db minimum
- E. Transverse mode noise attenuation: 120db minimum

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation of transformers shall be in accordance with the NEC, as recommended by the equipment manufacturer and as shown on the drawings.
- B. Install the transformers with adequate clearance (minimum of 4 inches) from walls and adjacent equipment for air circulation to remove the heat produced by transformers.
- C. Install transformers on vibration pads designed to suppress transformer noise and vibrations.
- D. Use flexible metal conduit to enclose the conductors from the transformer to the raceway systems.

E. Provide transformer grounding and bonding, whether shown on the drawings or not, for all transformers. Transformer grounding and bonding shall be in accordance with the NEC Article 250 and shall include but not be limited to:

1. Provide bonding, grounding and grounding electrode conductors.
2. Bond neutral wye wound transformer secondary to transformer enclosure.
3. Provide a ground electrode conductor from the transformer bond point to the nearest available effectively grounded water pipe, structural steel and or electrical room ground ring, bar or electrode.

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SECTION 26 24 16
PANELBOARDS

PART 1 - GENERAL**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

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

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 09 91 00, PAINTING: Identification and painting of panelboards.
- B. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements and items that are common to more than one Section of Division 26.
- C. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits and outlet boxes.
- D. Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW): Cables and wiring.
- E. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Sufficient information, clearly presented, shall be included to determine compliance with drawings and specifications.
 - 2. Include electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details, materials, wiring diagrams accessories and weights of equipment. Complete nameplate data including manufacturer's name and catalog number.
- C. Certification: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit four copies of the following to the Resident Engineer:
 - 1. Certification that the material is in accordance with the drawings and specifications has been properly installed, and that the loads are balanced.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent

referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.

A. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):

PB-1-2006.....Panelboards

AB-1-2002.....Molded Case Circuit Breakers, Molded Case
Switches and Circuit Breaker Enclosures

B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

70-2005National Electrical Code (NEC)

70E-2004.....Standard for Electrical Life Safety in the
Workplace

C. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

50-2003.....Enclosures for Electrical Equipment

67-2003.....Panel boards

489-2006.....Molded Case Circuit Breakers and Circuit
Breaker Enclosures

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PANELBOARDS

- A. Panelboards shall be in accordance with UL, NEMA, NEC, and as shown on the drawings.
- B. Panelboards shall be standard manufactured products. All components of the panelboards shall be the product and assembly of the same manufacturer. All similar units of all panelboards to be of the same manufacturer.
- C. All panelboards shall be hinged "door in door" type with:
 - 1. Interior hinged door with hand operated latch or latches as required to provide access to circuit breaker operating handles only, not to energized ports.
 - 2. Outer hinged door shall be securely mounted to the panelboard box with factory bolts, screws, clips or other fasteners requiring a tool for entry, hand operated latches are not acceptable.
 - 3. Push inner and outer doors shall open left to right.
- D. All panelboards shall be completely factory assembled with molded case circuit breakers. Include one-piece removable, inner dead front cover independent of the panelboard cover.
- E. Panelboards shall have main breaker or main lugs, bus size, voltage, phase, top or bottom feed, and flush or surface mounting as scheduled on the drawings.

F. Panelboards shall conform to NEMA PB-1, NEMA AB-1 and UL 67 and have the following features:

1. Nonreduced size copper bus bars, complete with current ratings as shown on the panel schedules connection straps bolted together and rigidly supported on molded insulators.
2. Bus bar connections to the branch circuit breakers shall be the "distributed phase" or "phase sequence" type. Single-phase, three-wire panelboard busing shall be such that when any two adjacent single-pole breakers are connected to opposite phases, two-pole breakers can be installed in any location. Three-phase, four-wire busing shall be such that when any three adjacent single-pole breakers are individually connected to each of the three different phases, two-or three-pole breakers can be installed at any location. Current-carrying parts of the bus assembly shall be plated. Mains ratings shall be as shown.
3. Mechanical lugs furnished with panelboards shall be cast, stamped or machined metal alloys of sizes suitable for the conductors indicated to be connected thereto.
4. Neutral bus shall be 100% rated, mounted on insulated supports.
5. Grounding bus bar equipped with screws or lugs for the connection of grounding wires.
6. Buses braced for the available short circuit current, but not less than 22,000 amperes symmetrical for 120/208 volt and 120/240 volt panelboards, and 14,000 amperes symmetrical for 277/480-volt panelboards.
7. Branch circuit panels shall have buses fabricated for bolt-on type circuit breakers.
8. Protective devices shall be designed so that they can be easily replaced.
9. Where designated on panel schedule "spaces", include all necessary bussing, device support and connections. Provide blank cover for each space.
10. In two section panelboards, the main bus in each section shall be full size. The first section shall be furnished with subfeed lugs on the line side of main lugs only, or through-feed lugs for main breaker type panels, and with cable connections to the second section. Panelboard sections with tapped bus or crossover bus are not acceptable.

11. Series rated panelboards are not permitted.

2.2 CABINETS AND TRIMS

A. Cabinets:

1. Provide galvanized steel cabinets to house panelboards. Cabinets for outdoor panels shall be factory primed and suitably treated with a corrosion-resisting paint finish meeting UL 50 and UL 67.
2. Cabinet enclosure shall not have ventilating openings.
3. Cabinets for panelboards may be of one-piece formed steel or of formed sheet steel with end and side panels welded, riveted, or bolted as required.

2.3 MOLDED CASE CIRCUIT BREAKERS FOR PANELBOARDS

- ### **A. Breakers shall be UL 489 listed and labeled, in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and as specified.**

- ### **B. Circuit breakers in panelboards shall be bolt on type on phase bus bar or branch circuit bar.**

1. Molded case circuit breakers for lighting and appliance branch circuit panelboards shall have minimum interrupting rating as indicated but not less than:
 - a. 120/208 Volt Panelboard: 22,000 amperes symmetrical.
 - b. 120/240 Volt Panelboard: 22,000 amperes symmetrical.
 - c. 277/480 Volt Panelboard: 14,000 amperes symmetrical.
2. Molded case circuit breakers shall have automatic, trip free, non-adjustable, inverse time, and instantaneous magnetic trips for 100-ampere frame or less. Magnetic trip shall be adjustable from 3X to 10X for breakers with 600 ampere frames and higher.

- ### **C. Breaker features shall be as follows:**

1. A rugged, integral housing of molded insulating material.
2. Silver alloy contacts.
3. Arc quenchers and phase barriers for each pole.
4. Quick-make, quick-break, operating mechanisms.
5. A trip element for each pole, thermal magnetic type with long time delay and instantaneous characteristics, a common trip bar for all poles and a single operator.
6. Electrically and mechanically trip free.
7. An operating handle which indicates ON, TRIPPED, and OFF positions.
 - a. Line connections shall be bolted.

- b. Interrupting rating shall not be less than the maximum short circuit current available at the line terminals//as indicated on the drawings.
- 8. An overload on one pole of a multipole breaker shall automatically cause all the poles of the breaker to open.
- 9. Shunt trips shall be provided where indicated
- 10. For circuit breakers being added to existing panelboards, coordinate the breaker type with existing panelboards. Modify the panel directory.

2.4 SEPARATELY ENCLOSED MOLDED CASE CIRCUIT BREAKERS

- A. Where separately enclosed molded case circuit breakers are shown on the drawings, provide circuit breakers in accordance with the applicable requirements of those specified for panelboards.
- B. Enclosures are to be of the NEMA types shown on the drawings. Where the types are not shown, they are to be the NEMA type most suitable for the environmental conditions where the breakers are being installed.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the Manufacturer's instructions, the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and as specified.
- B. Locate panelboards so that the present and future conduits can be conveniently connected. Coordinate the sizes of cabinets with designated closet space.
- C. In accordance with Section 09 91 00, PAINTING, paint the panelboard system voltage, and feeder sizes as shown on the riser diagram in 1 inch block lettering on the inside cover of the cabinet door. Paint the words "LIFE SAFETY BRANCH", "CRITICAL BRANCH", or "EQUIPMENT SYSTEM" as applicable and the panel designation in one inch block letters on the outside of the cabinet doors.
- D. Install a typewritten schedule of circuits in each panelboard after being submitted to and approved by the Resident Engineer. Schedules, after approval, shall be typed on the panel directory cards and installed in the appropriate panelboards, incorporating all applicable contract changes pertaining to that schedule. Include the room numbers and items served on the cards.
- E. Mount the panelboard fully aligned and such that the maximum height of the top circuit breaker above finished floor shall not exceed 78 inches. For panelboards that are too high, mount panelboard so that the

bottom of the cabinets will not be less than 150 mm (6 inches) above the finished floor.

- F. For panelboards located in areas accessible to the public, paint the exposed surfaces of the trims, doors, and boxes with finishes to match surrounding surfaces after the panelboards have been installed.
- G. Directory-card information shall be typewritten to indicate outlets, lights, devices, and equipment controlled and final room numbers served by each circuit and shall be mounted in holders behind protective covering.
- H. Where new panels are to be installed in existing backboxes, backboxes shall have rust and scale removed from inside. Paint inside of backboxes with rust preventive paint before the new panel interior is installed. Provide new trim and doors for these panels. Covers shall fit tight to the box with no gaps between the cover and the box.
- I. Provide ARC flash identification per NFPA 70E.

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**SECTION 26 27 26
WIRING DEVICES****PART 1 - GENERAL****1.1 DESCRIPTION**

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

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduits and outlets boxes.
- C. Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW): Cables and wiring.
- D. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path to ground for possible ground fault currents.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

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

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, submit the following:
- B. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Sufficient information, clearly presented, shall be included to determine compliance with drawings and specifications.
 - 2. Include electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details, construction materials, grade and termination information.
- C. Manuals: Two weeks prior to final inspection, deliver four copies of the following to the Resident Engineer: Technical data sheets and information for ordering replacement units.
- D. Certifications: Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit four copies of the following to the Resident Engineer: Certification by the Contractor that the devices comply with the drawings and specifications, and have been properly installed, aligned, and tested.

1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

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

- B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
 - 70.....National Electrical Code (NEC)
- C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
 - WD 1.....General Color Requirements for Wiring Devices
 - WD 6Wiring Devices - Dimensional Requirements
- D. Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL):
 - 5.....Surface Metal Raceways and Fittings
 - 20.....General-Use Snap Switches
 - 231.....Power Outlets
 - 467.....Grounding and Bonding Equipment
 - 498.....Attachment Plugs and Receptacles
 - 943.....Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupters

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 RECEPTACLES

- A. General: All receptacles shall be listed by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., and conform to NEMA WD 6.
 - 1. Mounting straps shall be plated steel, with break-off plaster ears and shall include a self-grounding feature. Terminal screws shall be brass, brass plated or a copper alloy metal.
 - 2. Receptacles shall have provisions for back wiring with separate metal clamp type terminals (four min.) and side wiring from four captively held binding screws.
- B. Duplex Receptacles: Hospital-grade, single phase, 20 ampere, 120 volts, 2-pole, 3-wire, and conform to the NEMA 5-20R configuration in NEMA WD 6. The duplex type shall have break-off feature for two-circuit operation. The ungrounded pole of each receptacle shall be provided with a separate terminal.
 - 1. Bodies shall be ivory in color.
 - 2. Switched duplex receptacles shall be wired so that only the top receptacle is switched. The remaining receptacle shall be unswitched.
 - 3. Duplex Receptacles on Emergency Circuit:
 - a. In rooms without emergency powered general lighting, the emergency receptacles shall be of the self-illuminated type.
 - 4. Ground Fault Interrupter Duplex Receptacles: Shall be an integral unit, hospital-grade, suitable for mounting in a standard outlet box.
 - a. Ground fault interrupter shall be consist of a differential current transformer, solid state sensing circuitry and a circuit interrupter switch. Device shall have nominal sensitivity to ground leakage current of five milliamperes and shall function to interrupt the current supply for any value of ground leakage

current above five milliamperes (+ or - 1 milliamp) on the load side of the device. Device shall have a minimum nominal tripping time of 1/30th of a second.

- b. Ground Fault Interrupter Duplex Receptacles (not hospital-grade) shall be the same as ground fault interrupter hospital-grade receptacles except for the "hospital-grade" listing.

5. Safety Type Duplex Receptacles:

- a. Bodies shall be gray in color.

- 1) Shall permit current to flow only while a standard plug is in the proper position in the receptacle.

- 2) Screws exposed while the wall plates are in place shall be the tamperproof type.

6. Duplex Receptacles (not hospital grade): Shall be the same as hospital grade duplex receptacles except for the "hospital grade" listing and as follows.

- a. Bodies shall be brown phenolic compound supported by a plated steel mounting strap having plaster ears.

C. Receptacles; 20, 30 and 50 ampere, 250 volts: Shall be complete with appropriate cord grip plug. Devices shall meet UL 231.

D. Weatherproof Receptacles: Shall consist of a duplex receptacle, mounted in box with a gasketed, weatherproof, cast metal cover plate and cap over each receptacle opening. The cap shall be permanently attached to the cover plate by a spring-hinged flap. The weatherproof integrity shall not be affected when heavy duty specification or hospital grade attachment plug caps are inserted. Cover plates on outlet boxes mounted flush in the wall shall be gasketed to the wall in a watertight manner.

2.2 TOGGLE SWITCHES

A. Toggle Switches: Shall be totally enclosed tumbler type with bodies of phenolic compound. Toggle handles shall be ivory in color unless otherwise specified. The rocker type switch is not acceptable and will not be approved.

- 1. Switches installed in hazardous areas shall be explosion proof type in accordance with the NEC and as shown on the drawings.

- 2. Shall be single unit toggle, butt contact, quiet AC type, heavy-duty general-purpose use with an integral self grounding mounting strap with break-off plaster ears and provisions for back wiring with separate metal wiring clamps and side wiring with captively held binding screws.

3. Ratings:

- a. 120 volt circuits: 20 amperes at 120-277 volts AC.

- b. 277 volt circuits: 20 amperes at 120-277 volts AC.

2.3 WALL PLATES

- A. Wall plates for switches and receptacles shall be type // 302 stainless steel // or // smooth nylon //. Oversize plates are not acceptable.
- //B. Color shall be ivory unless otherwise specified.//
- C. Standard NEMA design, so that products of different manufacturers will be interchangeable. Dimensions for openings in wall plates shall be accordance with NEMA WD 6.
- D. For receptacles or switches mounted adjacent to each other, wall plates shall be common for each group of receptacles or switches.
- E. In psychiatric areas, wall plates shall be 302 stainless steel, have tamperproof screws and beveled edges.
- F. Wall plates for data, telephone or other communication outlets shall be as specified in the associated specification.
- G. Duplex Receptacles on Emergency Circuit:
 - 1. Bodies shall be red in color. Wall plates shall be red with the word "EMERGENCY" engraved in 6 mm, (1/4 inch) white letters.

PART 3 - EXECUTION**3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Installation shall be in accordance with the NEC and as shown as on the drawings.
- B. Ground terminal of each receptacle shall be bonded to the outlet box with an approved green bonding jumper, and also connected to the green equipment grounding conductor.
- C. Outlet boxes for light and dimmer switches shall be mounted on the strike side of doors.
- D. Provide barriers in multigang outlet boxes to separate systems of different voltages, Normal Power and Emergency Power systems, and in compliance with the NEC.
- E. Coordinate with other work, including painting, electrical boxes and wiring installations, as necessary to interface installation of wiring devices with other work. Coordinate the electrical work with the work of other trades to ensure that wiring device flush outlets are positioned with box openings aligned with the face of the surrounding finish material. Pay special attention to installations in cabinet work, and in connection with laboratory equipment.
- F. Exact field locations of floors, walls, partitions, doors, windows, and equipment may vary from locations shown on the drawings. Prior to locating sleeves, boxes and chases for roughing-in of conduit and equipment, the Contractor shall coordinate exact field location of the

above items with other trades. In addition, check for exact direction of door swings so that local switches are properly located on the strike side.

- G. Install wall switches 48 inches above floor, OFF position down.
- H. Install convenience receptacles 18 inches above floor, and 6 inches above counter backsplash or workbenches. Install specific-use receptacles at heights shown on the drawings.
- I. Label device plates with a permanent adhesive label listing panel and circuit feeding the wiring device.
- J. Test wiring devices for damaged conductors, high circuit resistance, poor connections, inadequate fault current path, defective devices, or similar problems using a portable receptacle tester. Correct circuit conditions, remove malfunctioning units and replace with new, and retest as specified above.
- K. Test GFCI devices for tripping values specified in UL 1436 and UL 943.

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**SECTION 26 29 21
DISCONNECT SWITCHES**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies the furnishing, installation and connection of low voltage disconnect switches.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. General electrical requirements and items that is common to more than one section of Division 26: Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. Conduits for cables and wiring: Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.
- C. Cables and wiring: Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW.
- D. Motor rated toggle switches: Section 26 29 11, LOW-VOLTAGE MOTOR STARTERS.
- E. Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground faults: Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Include sufficient information, clearly presented to determine compliance with drawings and specifications.
 - 2. Include electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details, materials, enclosure types, fuse type and class.
 - 3. Show the specific switch and fuse proposed for each specific piece of equipment or circuit.
- C. Manuals:
 - 1. Provide complete maintenance and operating manuals for disconnect switches, including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering replacement parts. Deliver four copies to the Resident Engineer two weeks prior to final inspection.
 - 2. Identify terminals on wiring diagrams to facilitate maintenance and operation.
 - 3. Wiring diagrams shall indicate internal wiring and any interlocking.

- D. Certification: Two weeks prior to final inspection, deliver to the Resident Engineer four copies of the certification that the equipment has been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
KS 1-01.....Enclosed and Miscellaneous Distribution
Equipment Switches (600 Volts Maximum)
- C. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
70-05.....National Electrical Code (NEC)
- D. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):
98-98.....Enclosed and Dead-Front Switches
198C-89.....High-Interrupting-Capacity Fuses, Current
Limiting Types
198E-94.....Class R Fuses
977-99.....Fused Power-Circuit Devices

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 LOW VOLTAGE FUSIBLE SWITCHES RATED 600 AMPERES AND LESS

- A. Shall be quick-make, quick-break type in accordance with UL 98, NEMA KS 1 and NEC.
- B. Shall have a minimum duty rating, NEMA classification Heavy Duty (HD).
- C. Shall be horsepower rated.
- D. Shall have the following features:
1. Switch mechanism shall be the quick-make, quick-break type.
 2. Copper blades, visible in the OFF position.
 3. An arc chute for each pole.
 4. External operating handle shall indicate ON and OFF position and shall have lock-open padlocking provisions.
 5. Mechanical interlock shall permit opening of the door only when the switch is in the OFF position, defeatable by a special tool to permit inspection.
 6. Fuse holders for the sizes and types of fuses specified.
 7. Solid neutral for each switch being installed in a circuit which includes a neutral conductor.
 8. Ground Lugs: One for each ground conductor.
 9. Enclosures:
 - a. Shall be the NEMA types shown on the drawings for the switches.

- b. Where the types of switch enclosures are not shown, they shall be the NEMA types which are most suitable for the environmental conditions where the switches are being installed. Unless otherwise indicated on the plans, all outdoor switches shall be NEMA 3R.
- c. Shall be finished with manufacturer's standard gray baked enamel paint over pretreated steel (for the type of enclosure required).

2.2 LOW VOLTAGE UNFUSED SWITCHES RATED 600 AMPERES AND LESS

Shall be the same as Low Voltage Fusible Switches Rated 600 Amperes and Less, but no fuses.

2.3 LOW VOLTAGE FUSIBLE SWITCHES RATED OVER 600 AMPERES TO 1200 AMPERES

Shall be the same as Low Voltage Fusible Switches Rated 600 Amperes and Less.

2.4 MOTOR RATED TOGGLE SWITCHES

Refer to Section 26 29 11, LOW-VOLTAGE MOTOR STARTERS for motor rated toggle switches.

2.5 IDENTIFICATION SIGNS

- A. Install nameplate identification signs on each disconnect switch to identify the equipment controlled.
- B. Nameplates shall be laminated black phenolic resin with a white core, with engraved lettering, a minimum of 6 mm (1/4-inch) high. Secure nameplates with screws.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install disconnect switches in accordance with the NEC and as shown on the drawings.
- B. Fusible disconnect switches shall be furnished complete with fuses.

3.2 SPARE PARTS

Two weeks prior to the final inspection, furnish one complete set of spare fuses for each fusible disconnect switch installed on the project. Deliver the spare fuses to the Resident Engineer.

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SECTION 26 36 23
AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES

PART 1 - GENERAL**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

This section specifies the furnishing, complete installation, and connection of automatic transfer switches.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements and items that is common to more than one section of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW): Cables and Wiring.
- C. Section 26 32 13, ENGINE GENERATORS: Requirements for emergency power generation.
- D. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personal safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible ground fault currents.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Factory authorized representative shall maintain a service center capable of providing emergency maintenance and repair services at the project site within four hour maximum response time.
- B. Automatic transfer switch, bypass/isolation switch and annunciation control panels shall be products of same manufacturer.
- C. Comply with OSHA - 29 CFR 1910.7 for the qualifications of the testing agency.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
- B. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Sufficient information, clearly presented, shall be included to determine compliance with drawings and specifications.
 - 2. Include electrical ratings (including withstand), dimensions, weights, mounting details, conduit entry provisions front view, side view, equipment and device arrangement, elementary and interconnection wiring diagrams, and accessories.
 - 3. Complete nameplate data, including manufacturer's name and catalog number.
 - 4. A copy of the markings that are to appear on the transfer switches when installed.
- C. Manuals:

1. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, companion copies of complete maintenance and operating and maintenance manuals including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams and information, such as telephone number, fax number and web sites, for ordering replacement parts.
2. Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit four copies of a final updated maintenance and operating manual to the Resident Engineer.
 - a. Include complete "As installed" diagrams, which indicate all items of equipment and their interconnecting wiring.
 - b. Include complete diagrams of the internal wiring for each of the items of equipment, including "As installed" revisions of the diagrams.
 - c. The wiring diagrams shall identify the terminals to facilitate installation, maintenance, operation and testing.

D. Certifications:

1. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, a certified test report from a recognized independent testing laboratory that a representative sample has passed UL 1008 (Prototype testing).
2. Additionally when transfer switches are used with power air circuit breakers having short-time trip elements without instantaneous trip elements provide a certified test report showing that the sample has passed the additional withstand requirements of this specification. Method of test shall be in accordance with UL 1008. Main contact separation as measured by an oscillograph voltage trace across the contacts will not be allowed during this test. Welding or burning of contacts is unacceptable.
3. Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit four copies of the following to the Resident Engineer:
 - a. Certification that no design changes have been made to the switch or its components since last certified by UL or as tested by an independent laboratory.
 - b. Certification by the manufacturer that the equipment conforms to the requirements of the drawings and specifications.
 - c. Certification by the Contractor that the equipment has been properly installed, adjusted, and tested.
 - d. A certified test report from an independent laboratory that a representative sample has passed the ANSI surges withstand test for transfer switches which incorporate solid-state components.
 - e. Certification from the manufacturer that the automatic transfer switch(s), accessories, and components will withstand the seismic forces and that the unit will be fully operational after the seismic event at the project site.

1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by designation only:
- B. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE):
- 446-95.....Recommended Practice for Design and Maintenance
of Emergency and Standby Power Systems
- C37.90.1-02.....IEEE Surge Withstand Capability (SWC) Tests for
Protective Relays and Relay Systems
- C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
- 250-03.....Enclosure for Electrical Equipment (1000 Volts
Maximum).
- ICS 6-01.....Industrial Control and Systems Enclosures
- IC3 4.....Industrial Control and Systems: Terminal Blocks
- MG 1-03.....Motors and Generators, Revision 1
- D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
- 70-05.....National Electrical Code (NEC)
- 99-05.....Health Care Facilities
- 110.....Emergency and Standby Power Systems
- E. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):
- 50-03.....Enclosures for Electrical Equipment
- 508-02.....Industrial Control Equipment
- 891-03.....Dead-Front Switchboards
- 1008-03.....Transfer Switch Equipment

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES**

- A. General:
1. Comply with UL, NEMA, NEC, ANSI and NFPA.
 2. Automatic transfer switches are to be electrically operated, mechanically held open contact type, without integral overcurrent protection. Transfer switches utilizing automatic or non-automatic molded case circuit breakers as switching mechanisms are not acceptable.
 3. The unit shall be completely factory-assembled and wired so that only external circuit connections are required in the field. The unit shall include, but not be limited to, operating mechanism, main contacts, auxiliary contacts, timers, pilot lights, switches, and auxiliary sensing devices.
 4. Each life safety or critical branch transfer switch shall be equipped with bypass/ isolation switch. The switch shall be part of the transfer switch.

B. Ratings, Markings and Tests:

1. Ratings:

- a. Phase, voltage, ampere rating, number of poles, withstand rating shall be as shown on the drawings. The ampere rating shall be for 100 percent continuous load current.
- b. Transfer switches are to be rated for total system transfer on emergency systems.
- c. Ratings shall be with non-welding of contacts during the performance of withstand and closing tests.
- d. Maximum automatic transfer switch rating: 800 amperes

2. Markings:

- a. Markings shall be in accordance with UL 1008.
- b. Markings for the additional withstand test hereinafter specified shall be included in the nameplate data.

3. Tests:

- a. Transfer switches shall be tested in accordance with UL 1008. The contacts of the transfer switch shall not weld during the performance of withstand and closing tests when used with the upstream overcurrent device.
- b. Where used with molded case circuit breakers or power air circuit breakers with long-time and instantaneous trip, transfer switch withstand and closing rating shall equal or exceed the available short circuit current shown on the drawings, but shall not be less than the following:

Switch Rating (Amperes)	Withstanding Amperes (RMS Symmetrical)	Circuit Power Factor
Up to 100	22,000	Per UL
101 to 260	35,000	Per UL
261 to 400	42,000	Per UL
410 to 600	50,000	Per UL
601 to 1200	65,000	Per UL
1201 to 4000	85,000	Per UL

4. Surge Withstand Test:

- a. Transfer switches utilizing solid-state devices in sensing, relaying, operating, or communication equipment or circuits shall comply with ANSI C37.90.1.

C. Housing:

1. Enclosure: House transfer switches in steel cabinets in accordance with UL 508, or in a switchboard assembly in accordance with UL 891, as shown on the drawings. NEMA ICS 6 Type 3R with insect and rodent screens or as indicated on the drawings.
2. Doors: Shall have three-point latching mechanism.
3. Padlocking Provisions: Provide chain for attaching a padlock. Attach chain to the cabinet by welding or riveting.
4. Finish: Cabinets shall be given a phosphate treatment, painted with rust inhibiting primer, and finish painted with the manufacturer's standard enamel or lacquer finish.

2.2 FEATURES

A. Transfer switches shall include the following features:

1. Operating Mechanism:
 - a. Actuated by an electrical operator.
 - b. Electrically and mechanically interlocked so that the main contact cannot be closed simultaneously in both normal and emergency position. (EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED UNDER ADD ALTERNATE 3 AND 4 FOR CLOSED TRANSITION SWITCHES)
 - c. Normal and emergency main contacts shall be mechanically locked in position by the operating linkage upon completion of transfer. Release of the locking mechanism shall be possible only by normal operating action.
 - d. Shall not include a neutral position.
 - e. Contact transfer time shall not exceed six cycles.
 - f. Do not use as a current carrying part. Components and mechanical interlocks shall be insulated or grounded.
2. Contacts:
 - a. Main contacts: phase and neutral contacts shall be silver alloy fully rated for the switch ampacity.
 - b. Current carrying capacity of arcing contacts shall not be used in the determination of the transfer switch rating, and shall be separate from the main contacts.
 - c. Main and arcing contacts shall be visible for inspection with cabinet door open and barrier covers removed.
3. Manual Operator:
 - a. Capable of operation in either direction under no load.
 - b. Capable of operation by one person.
 - c. Provide a warning sign to caution against operation when energized.
4. Replaceable Parts:
 - a. Include the main and arcing contact individually or as units, relays, and control devices.

- b. Switch contacts and accessories are to be replaceable from the front without removing the switch from the cabinet and without removing main conductors.
- 5. Sensing Relays:
 - a. Provide voltage-sensing relays in each phase of the normal power supply.
 - b. Provide adjustable voltage and frequency sensing relays in one phase of the auxiliary power supply.
- 6. Controls:
 - a. Control module shall provide indication of switch status - emergency, normal, and be equipped with alarm diagnostic circuitry.
 - b. Control module shall control operation of the transfer switch. The sensing and the logic shall be controlled by a microprocessor equipped with digital communication and battery backup. The control shall comply with IEEE 472.

2.3 ACCESSORIES

- A. Transfer switches shall include the following accessories:
 - 1. Indicating Lights of different colors:
 - a. Green Signal light for normal source position.
 - b. Red Signal light for emergency source position.
 - 2. Laminated black phenolic nameplates with white letters to indicate transfer switch position.
- B. Manual Test Switch for simulating normal source failure.
- C. Engine starting contacts.
- D. Time delay relay to accomplish the function as specified.
- E. Auxiliary Contacts:
 - 1. Provide contacts for connection to elevator controllers, one closed when transfer switch is connected to normal, and one closed when transfer switch is connected to emergency.
 - 2. Provide additional contacts as necessary to accomplish the functions shown on the drawings, specified, and designated in other sections of these specifications and one spare normally open and normally closed contact.
 - 3. Contacts shall have a minimum rating of ten amperes and be positive acting on pickup and dropout.
- F. Remote Operation:
 - 1. Provide auxiliary relays to show transfer switch position.
 - 2. Provide auxiliary relays for remote manual test switch to simulate normal source failure.

3. Provide auxiliary relays for remote contact to bypass retransfer time delay to normal source.
4. coordinate requirements with section 26 32 13 ENGINE GENERATORS.
- G. In-Phase Band Monitor: Monitor shall control the operation of the transfer switch. It shall monitor the voltage and frequency of the normal and emergency voltage.
- H. Auxiliary Relay: Provide an auxiliary pre-signal relay on all automatic transfer switches.
- I. Digital Communication Interface: Matched to capability of existing Russelectric generator switchboard and using Modbus RTU and TCP/IP protocol.

2.4 TRANSFER SWITCH OPERATION

- A. Engine Start: A voltage decrease, at any transfer switch, in one or more phases of the normal power source to less than 70 percent of normal shall start the engine-generator unit after a time delay of two to three seconds. The time delay shall be field adjustable from zero to fifteen seconds.
- B. Transfer to Emergency (Emergency System Loads): Transfer switches for emergency system loads shall transfer their loads from normal to emergency source when frequency and voltage of the engine-generator unit have attained 90 percent of rated value. Only those switches with deficient normal source voltage shall transfer.
- C. Retransfer to Normal (All Loads): Transfer switch shall retransfer the load from emergency to normal source upon restoration of normal supply in all phases to 90 percent or more of normal voltage, and after a time delay. The time delay shall be field adjustable from five to twenty-five minutes (preset for twenty-five minutes). Should the emergency source fail during this time, the transfer switch shall immediately transfer to the normal source whenever it becomes available. After restoring to normal source, the generator shall continue to run for five minutes unloaded before shut down. Time delay shall be adjustable from zero to fifteen minutes.
- D. Exercise Mode: Transfer to emergency power source shall be accomplished by remote manual test switches on a selective basis
- E. Automatic Closed-Transition Transfer Switches(ADD ALTERNATE 3 AND 4 ONLY): Include the following functions and characteristics:
 1. Fully automatic make-before-break operation.
 2. Load transfer without interruption, through momentary interconnection of both power sources not exceeding 100 ms.

3. Initiation of No-Interruption Transfer: Controlled by in-phase monitor and sensors confirming both sources are present and acceptable.
 - a. Initiation occurs without active control of generator.
 - b. Controls ensure that closed-transition load transfer closure occurs only when the 2 sources are within plus or minus 5 electrical degrees maximum, and plus or minus 5 percent maximum voltage difference.
4. Failure of power source serving load initiates automatic break-before-make transfer.

2.5 BYPASS/ISOLATION SWITCHES (BP/IS)

- A. Provide two-way bypass/isolation manual type switches for each life safety and critical branch transfer switch. The BP/IS shall permit load by-pass to either normal or emergency power source and complete isolation of the transfer switch, independent of transfer switch position. The switches shall conveniently and electrically bypass and isolate automatic transfer switches, which could not otherwise be safely maintained without disruption of critical loads. Bypass and isolation shall be possible under all conditions including where the automatic transfer switch may be removed from service. Bypass/Isolation switches shall comply with NFPA 110, and shall be factory tested.
- B. Operation: The bypass/isolation switch shall have provisions for operation by one person through the movement of a maximum of two handles at a common dead front panel in no more than 15 seconds or less. Provide a lock, which must energize to unlock the bypass switch, to prevent bypassing to a dead source. Provide means to prevent simultaneous connection between normal and emergency sources.
 1. Bypass to normal (or emergency): Operation of bypass handle shall allow direct connection of the load to the normal (or emergency) source, without load interruption or by using a break-before-make design, or provide separate load interrupter contacts to momentarily interrupt the load.
 - a. Assure continuity of auxiliary circuits necessary for proper operation of the system.
 - b. A red indicating lamp shall light when the automatic transfer switch is bypassed.
 - c. Bypassing source to source: If the power source is lost while in the bypass position, bypass to the alternate source shall be achievable without re-energization of the automatic transfer switch service and load connections.

2. Isolation: Operation of the isolating handle shall isolate all live power conductors to the automatic transfer switch without interruption of the load.
 - a. Interlocking: Provide interlocking as part of the bypass/isolation switch to eliminate personnel-controlled sequence of operation, and to prevent operation to the isolation position until the bypass function has been completed.
 - b. Padlocking: Include provisions to padlock the isolating handle in the isolated position.
 - c. Visual verification: The isolation blades shall be visible in the isolated position.
3. Testing: It shall be possible to test (normal electrical operation) the automatic transfer switch and engine generator with the isolation contacts closed, and the load bypassed without interruption of power to the load.
- C. Ratings: The electrical capabilities and ratings of the bypass/isolation switch shall be compatible with those of the associated automatic transfer switch, including any required additional withstand tests.
- D. Enclosure Construction: Enclosure construction shall be in accordance with UL standards. The bypass/isolation switch shall be mounted in a separate enclosure or separate compartment from the automatic transfer switch. NEMA ICS 6 enclosure rating shall match automatic transfer switch.
- E. Diagrams: The manufacturer shall provide specific information on the interconnection and installation of the bypass/isolation switch and automatic transfer switch.
- F. The bypass/isolation switch shall also meet all the requirements as specified for an automatic transfer switch.

2.7. SPARE PARTS

- A. Provide six control fuses for each automatic transfer switch of different rating.
- B. Provide six pilot lamps of each type used.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install automatic transfer switch(s) in accordance with the NFPA and as shown on the drawings.
- B. Level and anchor the automatic transfer(s) switch to floor or wall.
- C. Ground equipment as shown on the drawings and as required by NFPA 70.

3.2 START UP AND TESTING

- A. After the complete system has been installed, and before energizing the system, check all components of the system, including insulation resistance, phase to phase and phase to ground, complete electrical circuitry and safety features according to the manufacturer's written instructions
- B. After energizing circuits, test the interlocking sequence and operation of the complete system, including time delays of transfer from normal source to emergency and back to normal source, pick-up and voltage drop, and function of bypass/isolation switch in the presence of the Resident Engineer prior to the final inspection.
- C. When any defects are detected, correct the defects and repeat the test as requested by the Resident Engineer, at no additional cost to the Government.

3.3 DEMONSTRATION

At the final inspection in the presence of a VA representative, demonstrate that the complete auxiliary electrical power system operates properly in every respect. Coordinate this demonstration with the demonstration of the engine-generator set.

3.4 TRAINING

Furnish the services of a competent, factory-trained engineer or technician for one four-hour period for instructing VA personnel in operation and maintenance of the equipment, including review of the operation and maintenance manual, on a date requested by the Resident Engineer. Coordinate this training with that of the generator training.

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SECTION 09 22 16
NON-STRUCTURAL METAL FRAMING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies steel studs wall systems, shaft wall systems, ceiling or soffit suspended or furred framing, wall furring, fasteners, and accessories for the screw attachment of gypsum board, plaster bases or other building boards.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Ceiling suspension systems for acoustical tile or panels and lay in gypsum board panels: Section 09 51 00, ACOUSTICAL CEILINGS
- B. Installation and finishing of gypsum board Section 09 29 00, GYPSUM BOARD.

1.3 TERMINOLOGY

- A. Description of terms shall be in accordance with ASTM C754, ASTM C11, ASTM C841 and as specified.
- B. Underside of Structure Overhead: In spaces where steel trusses or bar joists are shown, the underside of structure overhead shall be the underside of the floor or roof construction supported by beams, trusses, or bar joists. In interstitial spaces with walk-on floors the underside of the walk-on floor is the underside of structure overhead.
- C. Thickness of steel specified is the minimum bare (uncoated) steel thickness.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
 - 1. Studs, runners and accessories.
 - 2. Hanger inserts.
 - 3. Channels (Rolled steel).
 - 4. Furring channels.
 - 5. Screws, clips and other fasteners.
- C. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Typical ceiling suspension system.
 - 2. Typical metal stud and furring construction system including details around openings and corner details.

1.5 DELIVERY, IDENTIFICATION, HANDLING AND STORAGE

In accordance with the requirements of ASTM C754.

1.6 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. American Society For Testing And Materials (ASTM)
- A123-09.....Zinc (Hot-dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products
- A653/A653M-09.....Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process
- A641-09.....Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Carbon Steel Wire
- C11-10.....Terminology Relating to Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems
- C635-07.....Manufacture, Performance, and Testing of Metal Suspension System for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panel Ceilings
- C636-06.....Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels
- C645-09.....Non-Structural Steel Framing Members
- C754-09.....Installation of Steel Framing Members to Receive Screw-Attached Gypsum Panel Products
- C841-03(R2008).....Installation of Interior Lathing and Furring
- C954-07.....Steel Drill Screws for the Application of Gypsum Panel Products or Metal Plaster Bases to Steel Studs from 0.033 in. (0.84 mm) to 0.112 in. (2.84 mm) in Thickness
- C1002-07.....Steel Self-Piercing Tapping Screws for the Application of Gypsum Panel Products or Metal Plaster Bases to Wood Studs or Steel Studs
- E580-09.....Application of Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels in Areas Requiring Moderate Seismic Restraint.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 PROTECTIVE COATING**

Galvanize steel studs, runners (track), rigid (hat section) furring channels, "Z" shaped furring channels, and resilient furring channels, with coating designation of G-60 minimum, per ASTM 123.

2.2 STEEL STUDS AND RUNNERS (TRACK)

- A. ASTM C645, modified for thickness specified and sizes as shown.
1. Use ASTM A525 steel, 0.8 mm (0.0329-inch) thick bare metal (33 mil).

2. Runners same thickness as studs.
- B. Provide not less than two cutouts in web of each stud, approximately 300 mm (12 inches) from each end, and intermediate cutouts on approximately 600 mm (24-inch) centers.
- C. Doubled studs for openings and studs for supporting concrete backer-board.
- D. Studs 3600 mm (12 feet) or less in length shall be in one piece.

2.3 FURRING CHANNELS (PROVIDE AS NEEDED FOR WALL LEVELING/ALIGNMENT)

- A. Rigid furring channels (hat shape): ASTM C645.
- B. Resilient furring channels:
 1. Not less than 0.45 mm (0.0179-inch) thick bare metal.
 2. Semi-hat shape, only one flange for anchorage with channel web leg slotted on anchorage side, channel web leg on other side stiffens fastener surface but shall not contact anchorage surface other channel leg is attached to.
- C. "Z" Furring Channels:
 1. Not less than 0.45 mm (0.0179-inch)-thick bare metal, with 32 mm (1-1/4 inch) and 19 mm (3/4-inch) flanges.
 2. Web furring depth to suit thickness of insulation with slotted perforations.
- D. Rolled Steel Channels: ASTM C754, cold rolled; or, ASTM C841, cold rolled.

2.4 FASTENERS, CLIPS, AND OTHER METAL ACCESSORIES

- A. ASTM C754, except as otherwise specified.
- B. For fire rated construction: Type and size same as used in fire rating test.
- C. Fasteners for steel studs thicker than 0.84 mm (0.033-inch) thick. Use ASTM C954 steel drill screws of size and type recommended by the manufacturer of the material being fastened.
- D. Clips: ASTM C841 (paragraph 6.11), manufacturer's standard items. Clips used in lieu of tie wire shall have holding power equivalent to that provided by the tie wire for the specific application.
- E. Concrete ceiling hanger inserts (anchorage for hanger wire and hanger straps): Steel, zinc-coated (galvanized), manufacturers standard items, designed to support twice the hanger loads imposed and the type of hanger used.
- F. Tie Wire and Hanger Wire:
 1. ASTM A641, soft temper, Class 1 coating.
 2. Gage (diameter) as specified in ASTM C754 or ASTM C841.

G. Attachments for Wall Furring:

1. Manufacturers standard items fabricated from zinc-coated (galvanized) steel sheet.
2. For concrete or masonry walls: Metal slots with adjustable inserts or adjustable wall furring brackets. Spacers may be fabricated from 1 mm (0.0396-inch) thick galvanized steel with corrugated edges.

H. Power Actuated Fasteners: Type and size as recommended by the manufacturer of the material being fastened.**PART 3 - EXECUTION****3.1 INSTALLING STUDS**

- A. Install studs in accordance with ASTM C754, except as otherwise shown or specified.
- B. Space studs not more than 610 mm (24 inches) on center.
- C. Cut studs 6 mm to 9 mm (1/4 to 3/8-inch) less than floor to underside of structure overhead when extended to underside of structure overhead.
- D. Where studs are shown to terminate above suspended ceilings, provide bracing as shown or extend studs to underside of structure overhead.
- E. Extend studs to underside of structure overhead for moisture control and sound rated partitions.

G. Openings:

1. Frame jambs of openings in stud partitions and furring with two studs placed back to back or as shown.
2. Fasten back to back studs together with 9 mm (3/8-inch) long Type S pan head screws at not less than 600 mm (two feet) on center, staggered along webs.
3. Studs fastened flange to flange shall have splice plates on both sides approximately 50 X 75 mm (2 by 3 inches) screwed to each stud with two screws in each stud. Locate splice plates at 600 mm (24 inches) on center between runner tracks.

H. Fastening Studs:

1. Fasten studs located adjacent to partition intersections, corners and studs at jambs of openings to flange of runner tracks with two screws through each end of each stud and flange of runner.
2. Do not fasten studs to top runner track when studs extend to underside of structure overhead.

J. Form building seismic or expansion joints with double studs back to back spaced 75 mm (three inches) apart plus the width of the seismic or expansion joint.**K. Form control joint, with double studs spaced 13 mm (1/2-inch) apart.**

3.2 INSTALLING WALL FURRING FOR FINISH APPLIED TO ONE SIDE ONLY

- A. In accordance with ASTM C754, or ASTM C841 except as otherwise specified or shown.
- B. Wall furring-Stud System:
 - 1. Framed with 63 mm (2-1/2 inch) or narrower studs, 600 mm (24 inches) on center.
 - 2. Brace as specified in ASTM C754 for Wall Furring-Stud System or brace with sections or runners or studs placed horizontally at not less than three foot vertical intervals on side without finish.
 - 3. Securely fasten braces to each stud with two Type S pan head screws at each bearing.
- C. Direct attachment to masonry or concrete; rigid channels or "Z" channels:
 - 1. Install rigid (hat section) furring channels at 600 mm (24 inches) on center, horizontally or vertically.
 - 2. Install "Z" furring channels vertically spaced not more than 600 mm (24 inches) on center.
 - 3. At corners where rigid furring channels are positioned horizontally, provide mitered joints in furring channels.
 - 4. Ends of spliced furring channels shall be nested not less than 200 mm (8 inches).
 - 5. Fasten furring channels to walls with power-actuated drive pins or hardened steel concrete nails. Where channels are spliced, provide two fasteners in each flange.
 - 6. Locate furring channels at interior and exterior corners in accordance with wall finish material manufacturers printed erection instructions. Locate "Z" channels within 100 mm (4 inches) of corner.
- D. Installing Wall Furring-Bracket System: Space furring channels not more than 400 mm (16 inches) on center.

3.3 INSTALLING SUPPORTS REQUIRED BY OTHER TRADES

- A. Provide for attachment and support of electrical outlets, plumbing, laboratory or heating fixtures, recessed type plumbing fixture accessories, access panel frames, wall bumpers, wood seats, toilet stall partitions, dressing booth partitions, urinal screens, chalkboards, tackboards, wall-hung casework, handrail brackets, recessed fire extinguisher cabinets and other items like auto door buttons and auto door operators supported by stud construction.
- B. Provide additional studs where required. Install metal backing plates, or special metal shapes as required, securely fastened to metal studs.

3.4 INSTALLING FURRED AND SUSPENDED CEILINGS OR SOFFITS (IF NEEDED FOR PATCHING EXISTING)

- A. Install furred and suspended ceilings or soffits in accordance with ASTM C754 or ASTM C841 except as otherwise specified or shown for screw attached gypsum board ceilings and for plaster ceilings or soffits.
 - 1. Space framing at 400 mm (16-inch) centers for metal lath anchorage.
 - 2. Space framing at 600 mm (24-inch) centers for gypsum board anchorage.
- B. New exposed concrete slabs:
 - 1. Use metal inserts required for attachment and support of hangers or hanger wires with tied wire loops for embedding in concrete.
 - 2. Furnish for installation under Division 3, CONCRETE.
 - 3. Suspended ceilings under concrete rib construction shall have runner channels at right angles to ribs and be supported from ribs with hangers at ends and at 1200 mm (48-inch) maximum intervals along channels. Stagger hangers at alternate channels.
- C. Concrete slabs on steel decking composite construction:
 - 1. Use pull down tabs when available.
 - 2. Use power activated fasteners when direct attachment to structural framing can not be accomplished.
- D. Where bar joists or beams are more than 1200 mm (48 inches) apart, provide intermediate hangers so that spacing between supports does not exceed 1200 mm (48 inches). Use clips, bolts, or wire ties for direct attachment to steel framing.
- E. Existing concrete construction exposed or concrete on steel decking:
 - 1. Use power actuated fasteners either eye pin, threaded studs or drive pins for type of hanger attachment required.
 - 2. Install fasteners at approximate mid height of concrete beams or joists. Do not install in bottom of beams or joists.
- F. Steel decking without concrete topping:
 - 1. Do not fasten to steel decking 0.76 mm (0.0299-inch) or thinner.
 - 2. Toggle bolt to decking 0.9 mm (0.0359-inch) or thicker only where anchorage to steel framing is not possible.
- G. Installing suspended ceiling system for gypsum board (ASTM C635 Option):
 - 1. Install only for ceilings to receive screw attached gypsum board.
 - 2. Install in accordance with ASTM C636.
 - a. Install main runners spaced 1200 mm (48 inches) on center.
 - b. Install 1200 mm (four foot) tees not over 600 mm (24 inches) on center; locate for edge support of gypsum board.
 - c. Install wall track channel at perimeter.
- H. Installing Ceiling Bracing System:

1. Construct bracing of 38 mm (1-1/2 inch) channels for lengths up to 2400 mm (8 feet) and 50 mm (2 inch) channels for lengths over 2400 mm (8 feet) with ends bent to form surfaces for anchorage to carrying channels and over head construction. Lap channels not less than 600 mm (2 feet) at midpoint back to back. Screw or bolt lap together with two fasteners.
2. Install bracing at an approximate 45 degree angle to carrying channels and structure overhead; secure as specified to structure overhead with two fasteners and to carrying channels with two fasteners or wire ties.
3. Brace suspended ceiling or soffit framing in seismic areas in accordance with ASTM E580.

3.7 TOLERANCES

- A. Fastening surface for application of subsequent materials shall not vary more than 3 mm (1/8-inch) from the layout line.
- B. Plumb and align vertical members within 3 mm (1/8-inch.)
- C. Level or align ceilings within 3 mm (1/8-inch.)

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SECTION 09 29 00
GYPSUM BOARD

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies installation and finishing of gypsum board.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Installation of steel framing members for walls, partitions, furring, soffits, and ceilings: Section 09 22 16, NON-STRUCTURAL METAL FRAMING.
- B. Acoustical Sealants: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- C. Lay in gypsum board ceiling panels: Section 09 51 00, ACOUSTICAL CEILING.

1.3 TERMINOLOGY

- A. Definitions and description of terms shall be in accordance with ASTM C11, C840, and as specified.
- B. Underside of Structure Overhead: In spaces where steel trusses or bar joists are shown, the underside of structure overhead shall be the underside of the floor or roof construction supported by the trusses or bar joists.
- C. "Yoked": Gypsum board cut out for opening with no joint at the opening (along door jamb or above the door).

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
 - 1. Cornerbead and edge trim.
 - 2. Finishing materials.
 - 3. Laminating adhesive.
 - 4. Gypsum board, each type.
- C. Shop Drawings:
 - 1. Typical gypsum board installation, showing corner details, edge trim details and the like.
 - 2. Typical sound rated assembly, showing treatment at perimeter of partitions and penetrations at gypsum board.
 - 3. Typical shaft wall assembly.
 - 4. Typical fire rated assembly and column fireproofing, indicating details of construction same as that used in fire rating test.
- D. Samples:
 - 1. Cornerbead.
 - 2. Edge trim.

3. Control joints.

1.5 DELIVERY, IDENTIFICATION, HANDLING AND STORAGE

In accordance with the requirements of ASTM C840.

1.6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

In accordance with the requirements of ASTM C840.

1.7 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. American Society for Testing And Materials (ASTM):
- C11-08.....Terminology Relating to Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems
 - C475-02.....Joint Compound and Joint Tape for Finishing Gypsum Board
 - C840-08.....Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board
 - C919-08.....Sealants in Acoustical Applications
 - C954-07.....Steel Drill Screws for the Application of Gypsum Board or Metal Plaster Bases to Steel Stud from 0.033 in. (0.84mm) to 0.112 in. (2.84mm) in thickness
 - C1002-07.....Steel Self-Piercing Tapping Screws for the Application of Gypsum Panel Products or Metal Plaster Bases to Wood Studs or Steel Studs
 - C1047-05.....Accessories for Gypsum Wallboard and Gypsum Veneer Base
 - C1177-06.....Glass Mat Gypsum Substrate for Use as Sheathing
 - C1658-06.....Glass Mat Gypsum Panels
 - C1396-06.....Gypsum Board
 - E84-08.....Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials
- C. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL):
- Latest Edition.....Fire Resistance Directory
- D. Inchcape Testing Services (ITS):
- Latest Editions.....Certification Listings

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 GYPSUM BOARD

- A. Gypsum Board: ASTM C1396, Type X, 16 mm (5/8 inch) thick unless shown otherwise. Shall contain a minimum of 20 percent recycled gypsum.
- B. Impact Resistant Panels.

1. ASTM C1396, Type X.
 2. Core: Fire-resistance rated gypsum core, with additives to enhance mold/mildew resistance, surface indentation resistance, impact resistance and moisture and mold resistant.
 3. Surface paper: Abrasion resistant, 100 percent recycled content moisture/mold/mildew resistant paper on front, back and long edges.
 4. Embedded fiberglass mesh.
 5. Long Edges: Tapered
 6. Overall thickness: 5/8 inch
 7. Surface Abrasion Resistance: Classification Level 3 in accordance with ASTM C 1629.
 8. Indentation Resistance: Classification Level 1 in accordance with ASTM C 1629.
 9. Soft Body Impact Resistance: Classification Level 3 in accordance with ASTM C 1629.
 10. Hard Body Impact Resistance: Classification Level 3 in accordance with ASTM C 1629.
 11. Mold/Mildew Resistance: 10 when tested in accordance with ASTM D 3273.
- C. Water Resistant Gypsum Backing Board: ASTM C620, Type X, 16 mm (5/8 inch) thick.
- D. Gypsum cores shall contain a minimum of 95 percent post industrial recycled gypsum content. Paper facings shall contain 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper content.

2.2 ACCESSORIES

- A. ASTM C1047, except form of 0.39 mm (0.015 inch) thick zinc coated steel sheet or rigid PVC plastic.
- B. Flanges not less than 22 mm (7/8 inch) wide with punchouts or deformations as required to provide compound bond.

2.3 FASTENERS

- A. ASTM C1002 and ASTM C840, except as otherwise specified.
- B. ASTM C954, for steel studs thicker than 0.04 mm (0.33 inch).
- C. Select screws of size and type recommended by the manufacturer of the material being fastened.
- D. For fire rated construction, type and size same as used in fire rating test.
- E. Clips: Zinc-coated (galvanized) steel; gypsum board manufacturer's standard items.

2.5 FINISHING MATERIALS AND LAMINATING ADHESIVE

ASTM C475 and ASTM C840. Free of antifreeze, vinyl adhesives, preservatives, biocides and other VOC. Adhesive shall contain a maximum VOC content of 50 g/l.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GYPSUM BOARD HEIGHTS

- A. Extend all layers of gypsum board from floor to underside of structure overhead or underside of existing soffit:
 - 1. Two sides of partitions:
 - a. Fire rated partitions.
 - b. Smoke partitions.
 - c. Sound rated partitions.
 - d. Full height partitions shown (FHP).
 - 2. One side of partitions or furring:
 - a. Inside of exterior wall furring or stud construction.
 - b. Room side of room without suspended ceilings.
 - c. Furring for pipes and duct shafts, except where fire rated shaft wall construction is shown.
 - 3. Extend all layers of gypsum board construction used for fireproofing of columns from floor to underside of structure overhead, unless shown otherwise.

3.2 INSTALLING GYPSUM BOARD

- A. Coordinate installation of gypsum board with other trades and related work.
- B. Install gypsum board in accordance with ASTM C840, except as otherwise specified.
- C. Moisture and Mold-Resistant Assemblies: Provide and install moisture and mold-resistant glass mat gypsum wallboard products with impact resistant board complying with ASTM C1658 where shown and in locations which might be subject to moisture exposure during construction.
- D. Use gypsum boards in maximum practical lengths to minimize number of end joints.
- E. Bring gypsum board into contact, but do not force into place.
- F. Walls (Except Shaft Walls):
 - 1. When gypsum board is installed parallel to framing members, space fasteners 300 mm (12 inches) on center in field of the board, and 200 mm (8 inches) on center along edges.

2. When gypsum board is installed perpendicular to framing members, space fasteners 300 mm (12 inches) on center in field and along edges.
3. Stagger screws on abutting edges or ends.
4. For single-ply construction, apply gypsum board with long dimension either parallel or perpendicular to framing members as required to minimize number of joints except gypsum board shall be applied vertically over "Z" furring channels.
5. For two-ply gypsum board assemblies, apply base ply of gypsum board to assure minimum number of joints in face layer. Apply face ply of wallboard to base ply so that joints of face ply do not occur at joints of base ply with joints over framing members.
6. For three-ply gypsum board assemblies, apply plies in same manner as for two-ply assemblies, except that heads of fasteners need only be driven flush with surface for first and second plies. Apply third ply of wallboard in same manner as second ply of two-ply assembly, except use fasteners of sufficient length enough to have the same penetration into framing members as required for two-ply assemblies.
7. No offset in exposed face of walls and partitions will be permitted because of single-ply and two-ply or three-ply application requirements.
8. Installing Two Layer Assembly Over Sound Deadening Board:
 - a. Apply face layer of wallboard vertically with joints staggered from joints in sound deadening board over framing members.
 - b. Fasten face layer with screw, of sufficient length to secure to framing, spaced 300 mm (12 inches) on center around perimeter, and 400 mm (16 inches) on center in the field.
9. Control Joints ASTM C840 and as follows:
 - a. Locate at both side jambs of openings if gypsum board is not "yoked". Use one system throughout.
 - b. Not required for wall lengths less than 9000 mm (30 feet).
 - c. Extend control joints the full height of the wall or length of soffit/ceiling membrane.
- G. Electrical and Telecommunications Boxes:
 1. Seal annular spaces between electrical and telecommunications receptacle boxes and gypsum board partitions.
- H. Accessories:
 1. Set accessories plumb, level and true to line, neatly mitered at corners and intersections, and securely attach to supporting surfaces as specified.

2. Install in one piece, without the limits of the longest commercially available lengths.
3. Corner Beads:
 - a. Install at all vertical and horizontal external corners and where shown.
 - b. Use screws only. Do not use crimping tool.
4. Edge Trim (casings Beads):
 - a. At both sides of expansion and control joints unless shown otherwise.
 - b. Where gypsum board terminates against dissimilar materials and at perimeter of openings, except where covered by flanges, casings or permanently built-in equipment.
 - c. Where gypsum board surfaces of non-load bearing assemblies abut load bearing members.
 - d. Where shown.

3.3 INSTALLING GYPSUM SHEATHING

- A. Install in accordance with ASTM C840, except as otherwise specified or shown.
- B. Use screws of sufficient length to secure sheathing to framing.
- C. Space screws 9 mm (3/8 inch) from ends and edges of sheathing and 200 mm (8 inches) on center. Space screws a maximum of 200 mm (8 inches) on center on intermediate framing members.
- D. Apply 600 mm by 2400 mm (2 foot by 8 foot) sheathing boards horizontally with tongue edge up.
- E. Apply 1200 mm by 2400 mm or 2700 mm (4 ft. by 8 ft. or 9 foot) gypsum sheathing boards vertically with edges over framing.

3.5 FINISHING OF GYPSUM BOARD

- A. Finish joints, edges, corners, and fastener heads in accordance with ASTM C840. Use Level 4 finish for all finished areas open to public view.
- B. Before proceeding with installation of finishing materials, assure the following:
 1. Gypsum board is fastened and held close to framing or furring.
 2. Fastening heads in gypsum board are slightly below surface in dimple formed by driving tool.
- C. Finish joints, fasteners, and all openings, including openings around penetrations, on that part of the gypsum board extending above suspended ceilings to seal surface of non decorated gypsum board construction. After the installation of hanger rods, hanger wires, supports,

equipment, conduits, piping and similar work, seal remaining openings and maintain the integrity of the construction.

3.6 REPAIRS

- A. After taping and finishing has been completed, and before decoration, repair all damaged and defective work, including nondecorated surfaces.
- B. Patch holes or openings 13 mm (1/2 inch) or less in diameter, or equivalent size, with a setting type finishing compound or patching plaster.
- C. Repair holes or openings over 13 mm (1/2 inch) diameter, or equivalent size, with 16 mm (5/8 inch) thick gypsum board secured in such a manner as to provide solid substrate equivalent to undamaged surface.
- D. Tape and refinish scratched, abraded or damaged finish surfaces including cracks and joints.

3.7 UNACCESSIBLE CEILINGS

At Mental Health and Behavioral Nursing Units, areas accessible to patients and not continuously observable by staff (e.g., patient bedrooms, day rooms), ceilings should be a solid material such as gypsum board. This will limit patient access. Access doors are needed to access electrical and mechanical equipment above the ceiling. These doors should be locked to prevent unauthorized access and secured to ceiling using tamper resistant fasteners.

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SECTION 09 91 00
PAINTING

PART 1-GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. Section specifies field painting.
- B. Section specifies prime coats which may be applied in shop under other sections.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Shop prime painting of steel and ferrous metals: Division 05 - METALS:
Division 26 - ELECTRICAL.
- B. Prime and final paint Gypsum Board: Section 09 29 00, GYPSUM BOARD.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
Before work is started, or sample panels are prepared, submit manufacturer's literature, the current Master Painters Institute (MPI) "Approved Product List" indicating brand label, product name and product code as of the date of contract award, will be used to determine compliance with the submittal requirements of this specification. The Contractor may choose to use subsequent MPI "Approved Product List", however, only one list may be used for the entire contract and each coating system is to be from a single manufacturer. All coats on a particular substrate must be from a single manufacturer. No variation from the MPI "Approved Product List" where applicable is acceptable.
- B. Sample of identity markers if used.
- C. Manufacturers' Certificates indicating compliance with specified requirements:
 - 1. Manufacturer's paint substituted for Federal Specification paints meets or exceeds performance of paint specified.
 - 2. High temperature aluminum paint.
 - 3. Epoxy coating.
 - 4. Intumescent clear coating or fire retardant paint.
 - 5. Plastic floor coating.

1.4 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

- A. Deliver materials to site in manufacturer's sealed container marked to show following:
 - 1. Name of manufacturer.
 - 2. Product type.
 - 3. Batch number.

4. Instructions for use.
5. Safety precautions.
- B. In addition to manufacturer's label, provide a label legibly printed as following:
 1. Federal Specification Number, where applicable, and name of material.
 2. Surface upon which material is to be applied.
 3. If paint or other coating, state coat types; prime, body or finish.
- C. Maintain space for storage, and handling of painting materials and equipment in a neat and orderly condition to prevent spontaneous combustion from occurring or igniting adjacent items.
- D. Store materials at site at least 24 hours before using, at a temperature between 18 and 30 degrees C (65 and 85 degrees F).

1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by basic designation only.
- B. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH):
ACGIH TLV-BKLT-2008.....Threshold Limit Values (TLV) for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs)
ACGIH TLV-DOC-2008.....Documentation of Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices, (Seventh Edition)
- C. American National Standards Institute (ANSI):
A13.1-07.....Scheme for the Identification of Piping Systems
- D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
D260-86.....Boiled Linseed Oil
- E. Commercial Item Description (CID):
A-A-1555.....Water Paint, Powder (Cementitious, White and Colors) (WPC) (cancelled)
A-A-3120.....Paint, For Swimming Pools (RF) (cancelled)
- F. Federal Specifications (Fed Spec):
TT-P-1411A.....Paint, Copolymer-Resin, Cementitious (For Waterproofing Concrete and Masonry Walls) (CEP)
- G. Master Painters Institute (MPI):
No. 1-07.....Aluminum Paint (AP)
No. 4-07.....Interior/ Exterior Latex Block Filler
No. 5-07.....Exterior Alkyd Wood Primer
No. 7-07.....Exterior Oil Wood Primer
No. 8-07.....Exterior Alkyd, Flat MPI Gloss Level 1 (EO)
No. 9-07.....Exterior Alkyd Enamel MPI Gloss Level 6 (EO)
No. 10-07.....Exterior Latex, Flat (AE)

No. 11-07.....Exterior Latex, Semi-Gloss (AE)
No. 18-07.....Organic Zinc Rich Primer
No. 22-07.....Aluminum Paint, High Heat (up to 590° - 1100F)
(HR)
No. 26-07.....Cementitious Galvanized Metal Primer
No. 27-07.....Exterior / Interior Alkyd Floor Enamel, Gloss (FE)
No. 31-07.....Polyurethane, Moisture Cured, Clear Gloss (PV)
No. 36-07.....Knot Sealer
No. 43-07.....Interior Satin Latex, MPI Gloss Level 4
No. 44-07.....Interior Low Sheen Latex, MPI Gloss Level 2
No. 45-07.....Interior Primer Sealer
No. 46-07.....Interior Enamel Undercoat
No. 47-07.....Interior Alkyd, Semi-Gloss, MPI Gloss Level 5 (AK)
No. 48-07.....Interior Alkyd, Gloss, MPI Gloss Level 6 (AK)
No. 49-07.....Interior Alkyd, Flat, MPI Gloss Level 1 (AK)
No. 50-07.....Interior Latex Primer Sealer
No. 51-07.....Interior Alkyd, Eggshell, MPI Gloss Level 3
No. 52-07.....Interior Latex, MPI Gloss Level 3 (LE)
No. 53-07.....Interior Latex, Flat, MPI Gloss Level 1 (LE)
No. 54-07.....Interior Latex, Semi-Gloss, MPI Gloss Level 5 (LE)
No. 59-07.....Interior/Exterior Alkyd Porch & Floor Enamel, Low
Gloss (FE)
No. 60-07.....Interior/Exterior Latex Porch & Floor Paint, Low
Gloss
No. 66-07.....Interior Alkyd Fire Retardant, Clear Top-Coat (ULC
Approved) (FC)
No. 67-07.....Interior Latex Fire Retardant, Top-Coat (ULC
Approved) (FR)
No. 68-07.....Interior/ Exterior Latex Porch & Floor Paint,
Gloss
No. 71-07.....Polyurethane, Moisture Cured, Clear, Flat (PV)
No. 74-07.....Interior Alkyd Varnish, Semi-Gloss
No. 77-07.....Epoxy Cold Cured, Gloss (EC)
No. 79-07.....Marine Alkyd Metal Primer
No. 90-07.....Interior Wood Stain, Semi-Transparent (WS)
No. 91-07.....Wood Filler Paste
No. 94-07.....Exterior Alkyd, Semi-Gloss (EO)
No. 95-07.....Fast Drying Metal Primer
No. 98-07.....High Build Epoxy Coating
No. 101-07.....Epoxy Anti-Corrosive Metal Primer
No. 108-07.....High Build Epoxy Coating, Low Gloss (EC)

- No. 114-07.....Interior Latex, Gloss (LE) and (LG)
- No. 119-07.....Exterior Latex, High Gloss (acrylic) (AE)
- No. 135-07.....Non-Cementitious Galvanized Primer
- No. 138-07.....Interior High Performance Latex, MPI Gloss Level 2
(LF)
- No. 139-07.....Interior High Performance Latex, MPI Gloss Level 3
(LL)
- No. 140-07.....Interior High Performance Latex, MPI Gloss Level 4
- No. 141-07.....Interior High Performance Latex (SG) MPI Gloss
Level 5

H. Steel Structures Painting Council (SSPC):

- SSPC SP 1-04 (R2004)....Solvent Cleaning
- SSPC SP 2-04 (R2004)....Hand Tool Cleaning
- SSPC SP 3-04 (R2004)....Power Tool Cleaning

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Cementitious Paint (CEP): TT-P-1411A [Paint, Copolymer-Resin, Cementitious (CEP)], Type 1 for exterior use, Type II for interior use.
- B. Plastic Tape:
 - 1. Pigmented vinyl plastic film in colors as specified in Section 09 06 00, SCHEDULE FOR FINISHES or specified.
 - 2. Pressure sensitive adhesive back.
 - 3. Widths as shown.
- C. Identity markers options:
 - 1. Pressure sensitive vinyl markers.
 - 2. Snap-on coil plastic markers.
- D. Aluminum Paint (AP): MPI 1.
- E. Interior/Exterior Latex Block Filler: MPI 4.
- F. Exterior Alkyd Wood Primer: MPI 5.
- G. Exterior Oil Wood Primer: MPI 7.
- H. Exterior Alkyd, Flat (EO): MPI 8.
- J. Exterior Alkyd Enamel (EO): MPI 9.
- K. Exterior Latex, Flat (AE): MPI 10.
- L. Exterior Latex, Semi-Gloss (AE): MPI 11.
- M. Organic Zinc rich Coating (HR): MPI 22.
- N. High Heat Resistant Coating (HR): MPI 22.
- O. Cementitious Galvanized Metal Primer: MPI 26.
- P. Exterior/ interior Alkyd Floor Enamel, Gloss (FE): MPI 27.
- Q. Knot Sealer: MPI 36.
- R. Interior Satin Latex: MPI 43.

- S. Interior Low Sheen Latex: MPI 44.
- T. Interior Primer Sealer: MPI 45.
- U. Interior Enamel Undercoat: MPI 47.
- V. Interior Alkyd, Semi-Gloss (AK): MPI 47.
- W. Interior Alkyd, Gloss (AK): MPI 49.
- x. Interior Latex Primer Sealer: MPI 50.
- Y. Interior Alkyd, Eggshell: MPI 51
- Z. Interior Latex, MPI Gloss Level 3 (LE): MPI 52.
- AA. Interior Latex, Flat, MPI Gloss Level 1 (LE): MPI 53.
- BB. Interior Latex, Semi-Gloss, MPI Gloss Level 5 (LE): MPI 54.
- DD. Interior / Exterior Alkyd Porch & Floor Enamel, Low Gloss (FE): MPI 59.
- EE. Interior/ Exterior Latex Porch & Floor Paint, Low Gloss: MPI 60.
- FF. Interior Alkyd Fire Retardant, Clear Top-Coat (ULC Approved) (FC): MPI 66.
- GG. Interior Latex Fire Retardant, Top-Coat (ULC Approved) (FR): MPI 67.
- HH. Interior/ Exterior Latex Porch & Floor Paint, gloss: MPI 68.
- II. Epoxy Cold Cured, Gloss (EC): MPI 77.
- JJ. Marine Alkyd Metal primer: MPI 79.
- KK. Interior Wood Stain, Semi-Transparent (WS): MPI 90.
- LL. Wood Filler Paste: MPI 91.
- MM. Exterior Alkyd, Semi-Gloss (EO): MPI 94.
- NN. Fast Drying Metal Primer: MPI 95.
- OO. High Build Epoxy Coating: MPI 98.
- PP. Epoxy Anti-Corrosive Metal Primer: MPI 101.
- QQ. High Build Epoxy Marine Coating (EC): MPI 108.
- RR. Interior latex, Gloss (LE) and (LG): MPI 114.
- SS. Exterior Latex, High Gloss (acrylic) (AE): MPI 119.
- TT. Waterborne Galvanized Primer: MPI 134.
- UU. Non-Cementitious Galvanized Primer: MPI 135.
- VV. Interior High Performance Latex, MPI Gloss Level 2(LF): MPI 138.
- WW. Interior High Performance Latex, MPI Gloss Level 3 (LL): MPI 139.
- XX. Interior High Performance Latex, MPI Gloss Level 4: MPI 140.
- YY. Interior High Performance Latex (SG), MPI Gloss Level 5: MPI 141.

2.2 PAINT PROPERTIES

- A. Use ready-mixed (including colors), except two component epoxies, polyurethanes, polyesters, paints having metallic powders packaged separately and paints requiring specified additives.
- B. Where no requirements are given in the referenced specifications for primers, use primers with pigment and vehicle, compatible with substrate and finish coats specified.

2.3 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS/QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Paint materials shall conform to the restrictions of the local Environmental and Toxic Control jurisdiction.
 - 1. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC): VOC content of paint materials shall not exceed 10g/l for interior latex paints/primers and 50g/l for exterior latex paints and primers.
 - 2. Lead-Base Paint:
 - a. Comply with Section 410 of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, as amended, and with implementing regulations promulgated by Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
 - b. Regulations concerning prohibition against use of lead-based paint in federal and federally assisted construction, or rehabilitation of residential structures are set forth in Subpart F, Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - c. For lead-paint removal, see Section 02 83 33.13, LEAD-BASED PAINT REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL.
 - 3. Asbestos: Materials shall not contain asbestos.
 - 4. Chromate, Cadmium, Mercury, and Silica: Materials shall not contain zinc-chromate, strontium-chromate, Cadmium, mercury or mercury compounds or free crystalline silica.
 - 5. Human Carcinogens: Materials shall not contain any of the ACGIH-BKLT and ACGHI-DOC confirmed or suspected human carcinogens.
 - 6. Use high performance acrylic paints in place of alkyd paints, where possible.
 - 7. VOC content for solvent-based paints shall not exceed 250g/l and shall not be formulated with more than one percent aromatic hydro carbons by weight.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 JOB CONDITIONS

- A. Safety: Observe required safety regulations and manufacturer's warning and instructions for storage, handling and application of painting materials.
 - 1. Take necessary precautions to protect personnel and property from hazards due to falls, injuries, toxic fumes, fire, explosion, or other harm.
 - 2. Deposit soiled cleaning rags and waste materials in metal containers approved for that purpose. Dispose of such items off the site at end of each days work.
- B. Atmospheric and Surface Conditions:
 - 1. Do not apply coating when air or substrate conditions are:
 - a. Less than 3 degrees C (5 degrees F) above dew point.

- b. Below 10 degrees C (50 degrees F) or over 35 degrees C (95 degrees F), unless specifically pre-approved by the Contracting Officer and the product manufacturer. Under no circumstances shall application conditions exceed manufacturer recommendations.
2. Maintain interior temperatures until paint dries hard.
3. Do no exterior painting when it is windy and dusty.
4. Do not paint in direct sunlight or on surfaces that the sun will soon warm.
5. Apply only on clean, dry and frost free surfaces except as follows:
 - a. Apply water thinned acrylic and cementitious paints to damp (not wet) surfaces where allowed by manufacturer's printed instructions.
 - b. Dampened with a fine mist of water on hot dry days concrete and masonry surfaces to which water thinned acrylic and cementitious paints are applied to prevent excessive suction and to cool surface.

3.2 SURFACE PREPARATION

- A. Method of surface preparation is optional, provided results of finish painting produce solid even color and texture specified with no overlays.
- B. General:
 1. Remove prefinished items not to be painted such as lighting fixtures, escutcheon plates, hardware, trim, and similar items for reinstallation after paint is dried.
 2. Remove items for reinstallation and complete painting of such items and adjacent areas when item or adjacent surface is not accessible or finish is different.
 3. See other sections of specifications for specified surface conditions and prime coat.
 4. Clean surfaces for painting with materials and methods compatible with substrate and specified finish. Remove any residue remaining from cleaning agents used. Do not use solvents, acid, or steam on concrete and masonry.
- C. Ferrous Metals:
 1. Remove oil, grease, soil, drawing and cutting compounds, flux and other detrimental foreign matter in accordance with SSPC-SP 1 (Solvent Cleaning).
 2. Remove loose mill scale, rust, and paint, by hand or power tool cleaning, as defined in SSPC-SP 2 (Hand Tool Cleaning) and SSPC-SP 3 (Power Tool Cleaning). Exception: where high temperature aluminum paint is used, prepare surface in accordance with paint manufacturer's instructions.

3. Fill dents, holes and similar voids and depressions in flat exposed surfaces of hollow steel doors and frames, access panels, roll-up steel doors and similar items specified to have semi-gloss or gloss finish with TT-F-322D (Filler, Two-Component Type, For Dents, Small Holes and Blow-Holes). Finish flush with adjacent surfaces.
 - a. This includes flat head countersunk screws used for permanent anchors.
 - b. Do not fill screws of item intended for removal such as glazing beads.
4. Spot prime abraded and damaged areas in shop prime coat which expose bare metal with same type of paint used for prime coat. Feather edge of spot prime to produce smooth finish coat.
5. Spot prime abraded and damaged areas which expose bare metal of factory finished items with paint as recommended by manufacturer of item.
- E. Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Metal⁰, Aluminum, Copper and Copper Alloy Surfaces Specified Painted:
 1. Clean surfaces to remove grease, oil and other deterrents to paint adhesion in accordance with SSPC-SP 1 (Solvent Cleaning).
 2. Spot coat abraded and damaged areas of zinc-coating which expose base metal on hot-dip zinc-coated items with MPI 18 (Organic Zinc Rich Coating). Prime or spot prime with MPI 134 (Waterborne Galvanized Primer) or MPI 135 (Non- Cementitious Galvanized Primer) depending on finish coat compatibility.
- F. Masonry, Concrete, Cement Board, Cement Plaster and Stucco:
 1. Clean and remove dust, dirt, oil, grease efflorescence, form release agents, laitance, and other deterrents to paint adhesion.
 2. Use emulsion type cleaning agents to remove oil, grease, paint and similar products. Use of solvents, acid, or steam is not permitted.
 3. Remove loose mortar in masonry work.
 4. Replace mortar and fill open joints, holes, cracks and depressions with new mortar. Do not fill weep holes. Finish to match adjacent surfaces.
 5. Neutralize Concrete floors to be painted by washing with a solution of 1.4 Kg (3 pounds) of zinc sulfate crystals to 3.8 L (1 gallon) of water, allow to dry three days and brush thoroughly free of crystals.
 6. Repair broken and spalled concrete edges with concrete patching compound to match adjacent surfaces as specified in CONCRETE Sections. Remove projections to level of adjacent surface by grinding or similar methods.
- G. Gypsum Plaster and Gypsum Board:
 1. Remove efflorescence, loose and chalking plaster or finishing materials.

2. Remove dust, dirt, and other deterrents to paint adhesion.
3. Fill holes, cracks, and other depressions with CID-A-A-1272A [Plaster, Gypsum (Spackling Compound) finished flush with adjacent surface, with texture to match texture of adjacent surface. Patch holes over 25 mm (1-inch) in diameter as specified in Section for plaster or gypsum board.

3.3 PAINT PREPARATION

- A. Thoroughly mix painting materials to ensure uniformity of color, complete dispersion of pigment and uniform composition.
- B. Do not thin unless necessary for application and when finish paint is used for body and prime coats. Use materials and quantities for thinning as specified in manufacturer's printed instructions.
- C. Remove paint skins, then strain paint through commercial paint strainer to remove lumps and other particles.
- D. Mix two component and two part paint and those requiring additives in such a manner as to uniformly blend as specified in manufacturer's printed instructions unless specified otherwise.
- E. For tinting required to produce exact shades specified, use color pigment recommended by the paint manufacturer.

3.4 APPLICATION

- A. Start of surface preparation or painting will be construed as acceptance of the surface as satisfactory for the application of materials.
- B. Unless otherwise specified, apply paint in three coats; prime, body, and finish. When two coats applied to prime coat are the same, first coat applied over primer is body coat and second coat is finish coat.
- C. Apply each coat evenly and cover substrate completely.
- D. Allow not less than 48 hours between application of succeeding coats, except as allowed by manufacturer's printed instructions, and approved by Resident Engineer.
- E. Finish surfaces to show solid even color, free from runs, lumps, brushmarks, laps, holidays, or other defects.
- F. Apply by brush, roller or spray, except as otherwise specified.
- G. Do not spray paint in existing occupied spaces unless approved by Resident Engineer, except in spaces sealed from existing occupied spaces.
 1. Apply painting materials specifically required by manufacturer to be applied by spraying.
 2. In areas, where paint is applied by spray, mask or enclose with polyethylene, or similar air tight material with edges and seams

continuously sealed, items such as motors, controls, telephone, and electrical equipment, fronts of recessed equipment and similar prefinished items.

- I. Do not paint in closed position operable items such as access doors and panels, window sashes, overhead doors, and similar items except overhead roll-up doors and shutters.

3.5 PRIME PAINTING

- A. After surface preparation prime surfaces before application of body and finish coats, except as otherwise specified.
- B. Spot prime and apply body coat to damaged and abraded painted surfaces before applying succeeding coats.
- C. Additional field applied prime coats over shop or factory applied prime coats are not required except for exterior exposed steel apply an additional prime coat.
- D. Prime rebates for stop and face glazing of wood, and for face glazing of steel.
- E. Wood and Wood Particleboard:
 1. Use same kind of primer specified for exposed face surface.
 - a. Exterior wood: MPI 7 (Exterior Oil Wood Primer) for new construction and MPI 5 (Exterior Alkyd Wood Primer) for repainting bare wood primer except where MPI 90 (Interior Wood Stain, Semi-Transparent (WS)) is scheduled.
 - b. Interior wood except for transparent finish: MPI 45 (Interior Primer Sealer) or MPI 46 (Interior Enamel Undercoat), thinned if recommended by manufacturer.
 2. Apply two coats of primer MPI 7 (Exterior Oil Wood Primer) or MPI 5 (Exterior Alkyd Wood Primer) or sealer MPI 45 (Interior Primer Sealer) or MPI 46 (Interior Enamel Undercoat) to surfaces of wood doors, including top and bottom edges, which are cut for fitting or for other reason.
 3. Apply one coat of primer MPI 7 (Exterior Oil Wood Primer) or MPI 5 (Exterior Alkyd Wood Primer) or sealer MPI 45 (Interior Primer Sealer) or MPI 46 (Interior Enamel Undercoat) as soon as delivered to site to surfaces of unfinished woodwork, except concealed surfaces of shop fabricated or assembled millwork and surfaces specified to have varnish, stain or natural finish.
 4. Back prime and seal ends of exterior woodwork, and edges of exterior plywood specified to be finished.
 5. Apply MPI 67 (Interior Latex Fire Retardant, Top-Coat (ULC Approved) (FR) to wood for fire retardant finish.

- F. Metals except boilers, incinerator stacks, and engine exhaust pipes:
 - 1. Steel and iron: MPI 95 (Fast Drying Metal Primer).
 - 2. Zinc-coated steel and iron: // MPI 134 (Waterborne Galvanized Primer).
 - 3. Aluminum scheduled to be painted: MPI 95 (Fast Drying Metal Primer).
 - 4. Copper and copper alloys scheduled to be painted: MPI 95 (Fast Drying Metal Primer).
 - 6. Machinery not factory finished: MPI 9 (Exterior Alkyd Enamel (EO)).
 - 7. Asphalt coated metal: MPI 1 (Aluminum Paint (AP)).
 - 8. Metal over 94 degrees C. (200 degrees F), Boilers, Incinerator Stacks, and Engine Exhaust Pipes: MPI 22 (High Heat Resistant Coating (HR)).
- G. Gypsum Board and Hardboard:
 - 1. Surfaces scheduled to have MPI 10 (Exterior Latex, Flat (AE) or MPI 53 (Interior Latex, Flat, , MPI Gloss Level 1 LE)) or MPI 54 (Interior Latex, Semi-Gloss, MPI Gloss Level 5 (LE)).
 - 2. Primer: MPI 50 (Interior Latex Primer Sealer) MPI 46 (Interior Enamel Undercoat) in shower and bathrooms.
- H. Gypsum Plaster and Veneer Plaster:
 - 1. MPI 45 (Interior Primer Sealer), except use MPI 50 (Interior Latex Primer Sealer) when an alkyd flat finish is specified.
 - 2. Surfaces scheduled to have MPI 10 (Exterior Latex, Flat (AE)) or MPI 53 (Interior Latex, Flat, MPI Gloss Level 1 LE)) or MPI 54 (Interior Latex, Semi-Gloss, MPI Gloss Level 5 (LE)) respectively.
- I. Concrete Masonry Units except glazed or integrally colored and decorative units:
 - 1. MPI 4 (Block Filler) on interior surfaces.
 - 2. Prime exterior surface as specified for exterior finishes.
- J. Cement Plaster or stucco Concrete Masonry, Brick Masonry // and Cement board // Interior Surfaces of Ceilings and Walls:
 - 1. MPI 53 (Interior Latex, Flat, MPI Gloss Level 1 LE)) or MPI 54 (Interior Latex, Semi-Gloss, MPI Gloss Level 5 (LE)) except use two coats where substrate has aged less than six months.

3.6 EXTERIOR FINISHES

- A. Apply following finish coats.
- B. Wood:
 - 1. Do not apply finish coats on surfaces concealed after installation, top and bottom edges of wood doors and sash, or on edges of wood framed insect screens.
 - 2. Portion of sash runs of double hung wood windows, concealed by sash when in a closed position: Apply two coats of ASTM D260 mixed with not more than 0.12L (1/4 pint) of dryer per 3.89L (gallon).

3. Two coats of MPI 10 Exterior Latex, Flat (AE)) on exposed surfaces.
- C. Steel and Ferrous Metal:
 1. Two coats of MPI 8 (Exterior Alkyd, Flat (EO)) on exposed surfaces, except on surfaces over 94 degrees C (200 degrees F).
 2. One coat of MPI 22 (High Heat Resistant Coating (HR)) on surfaces over 94 degrees K (200 degrees F) and on surfaces of boiler stacks or engine exhaust pipes.
- D. Machinery without factory finish except for primer: One coat MPI 8 (Exterior Alkyd, Flat (EO)).
- E. Concrete Masonry Units, Brick, Cement Plaster, Concrete:
 1. General:
 - a. Mix as specified in manufacturer's printed directions.
 - b. Do not mix more paint at one time than can be used within four hours after mixing. Discard paint that has started to set.
 - c. Dampen warm surfaces above 24 degrees C (75 degrees F) with fine mist of water before application of paint. Do not leave free water on surface.
 - d. Cure paint with a fine mist of water as specified in manufacturer's printed instructions.
 2. Use two coats of TT-P-1411 (Paint, Co-polymer-Resin, Cementitious (CEP)), unless specified otherwise.

3.7 INTERIOR FINISHES

- A. Apply following finish coats over prime coats in spaces or on surfaces.
- B. Metal Work:
 1. Apply to exposed surfaces.
 2. Omit body and finish coats on surfaces concealed after installation except electrical conduit containing conductors over 600 volts.
 3. Ferrous Metal, Galvanized Metal, and Other Metals Scheduled:
 - a. Apply two coats of MPI 47 (Interior Alkyd, Semi-Gloss (AK)) unless specified otherwise.
 - b. Machinery: One coat MPI 9 (Exterior Alkyd Enamel (EO)).
 - c. Asphalt Coated Metal: One coat MPI 1 (Aluminum Paint (AP)).
 - d. Ferrous Metal over 94 degrees K (200 degrees F): Boilers, Incinerator Stacks, and Engine Exhaust Pipes: One coat MPI 22 (High Heat Resistant Coating (HR)).
- C. Gypsum Board:
 1. One coat of // MPI 45 (Interior Primer Sealer) plus one coat of MPI 54 (Interior Latex, Semi-Gloss, MPI Gloss Level 5 (LE)).
- D. Plaster:

1. One coat of MPI 45 (Interior Primer Sealer) plus one coat of MPI 139 (Interior High Performance Latex, MPI Gloss level 3 (LL)).

E. Masonry and Concrete Walls:

1. Over MPI 4 (Interior/Exterior Latex Block Filler) on CMU surfaces.
2. Two coats of // MPI 53 (Interior Latex, Flat, MPI Gloss Level 1 (LE)).

F. Wood:

1. Sanding:

- a. Use 220-grit sandpaper.
- b. Sand sealers and varnish between coats.
- c. Sand enough to scarify surface to assure good adhesion of subsequent coats, to level roughly applied sealer and varnish, and to knock off "whiskers" of any raised grain as well as dust particles.

2. Sealers:

- a. Apply sealers specified except sealer may be omitted where pigmented, penetrating, or wiping stains containing resins are used.
- b. Allow manufacturer's recommended drying time before sanding, but not less than 24 hours or 36 hours in damp or muggy weather.
- c. Sand as specified.

3. Paint Finish:

- b. One coat MPI 67 (Interior Latex Fire Retardant, Top-Coat (ULC Approved) (FR), intumescent type (FR), on exposed wood used for mechanical/electrical equipment.

3.8 REFINISHING EXISTING PAINTED SURFACES

- A. Clean, patch and repair existing surfaces as specified under surface preparation.
- B. Remove and reinstall items as specified under surface preparation.
- C. Remove existing finishes or apply separation coats to prevent non compatible coatings from having contact.
- D. Patched or Replaced Areas in Surfaces and Components: Apply spot prime and body coats as specified for new work to repaired areas or replaced components.
- E. Except where scheduled for complete painting apply finish coat over plane surface to nearest break in plane, such as corner, reveal, or frame.
- F. Refinish areas as specified for new work to match adjoining work unless specified or scheduled otherwise.
- G. Sand or dull glossy surfaces prior to painting.
- H. Sand existing coatings to a feather edge so that transition between new and existing finish will not show in finished work.

3.9 PAINT COLOR

- A. For additional requirements regarding color see Articles, REFINISHING EXISTING PAINTED SURFACE and MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL FIELD PAINTING SCHEDULE.
- B. Coat Colors:
 - 1. Color of priming coat: Lighter than body coat.
 - 2. Color of body coat: Lighter than finish coat.
 - 3. Color prime and body coats to not show through the finish coat and to mask surface imperfections or contrasts.
- C. Painting, Caulking, Closures, and Fillers Adjacent to Casework and Equipment:
 - 1. Paint to match color of casework or equipment where casework or equipment has a paint finish.
 - 2. Paint to match color of wall where casework or equipment is stainless steel.

3.10 MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL WORK FIELD PAINTING SCHEDULE

- A. Field painting of mechanical and electrical consists of cleaning, touching-up abraded shop prime coats, and applying prime, body and finish coats to materials and equipment if not factory finished.
- b. Paint various systems specified in Division 21 - FIRE SUPPRESSION, Division 22 - PLUMBING, Division 23 - HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR-CONDITIONING, Division 26 - ELECTRICAL, Division 27 - COMMUNICATIONS, and Division 28 - ELECTRONIC SAFETY AND SECURITY.
- D. Paint after tests have been completed.
- E. Omit prime coat from factory prime-coated items.
- F. Finish painting of mechanical and electrical equipment is not required when located in interstitial spaces, above suspended ceilings, in concealed areas such as pipe and electric closets, pipe basements, pipe tunnels, trenches, attics, roof spaces, shafts and furred spaces except on electrical conduit containing feeders 600 volts or more.
- H. Color:
 - 1. Paint items having no color specified to match surrounding surfaces, except for following:
 - a. White: Exterior unfinished surfaces of insulation coverings on breeching and uptake inside boiler house, drums and drum-heads, oil heaters, condensate tanks and condensate piping.

- b. Gray: Heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration equipment (except as required to match surrounding surfaces), and water and sewage treatment equipment and sewage ejection equipment.
 - c. Aluminum Color: Ferrous metal on outside of boilers and in connection with boiler settings including supporting doors and door frames and fuel oil burning equipment, and steam generation system (bare piping, fittings, hangers, supports, valves, traps and miscellaneous iron work in contact with pipe).
 - d. Federal Safety Red: Exposed fire protection piping hydrants, post indicators, electrical conducts containing fire alarm control wiring, and fire alarm equipment.
 - e. Federal Safety Orange: .Entire lengths of electrical conduits containing feeders 600 volts or more.
 - f. Color to match brickwork sheet metal covering on breeching outside of exterior wall of boiler house.
- I. Apply paint systems on properly prepared and primed surface as follows:
- 1. Exterior Locations:
 - a. Apply two coats of MPI 8 (Exterior Alkyd, Flat (EO)) to the following ferrous metal items:
Vent and exhaust pipes with temperatures under 94 degrees C (200 degrees F), roof drains, fire hydrants, post indicators, yard hydrants, exposed piping and similar items.
 - b. Apply two coats of MPI 10 (Exterior Latex, Flat (AE)) to the following metal items:
Galvanized and zinc-copper alloy metal.
 - c. Apply one coat of MPI 22 (High Heat Resistant Coating (HR)), 650 degrees C (1200 degrees F) to incinerator stacks, boiler stacks, and engine generator exhaust.
 - 2. Interior Locations:
 - a. Apply two coats of MPI 47 (Interior Alkyd, Semi-Gloss (AK)) to following items:
 - 1) Metal under 94 degrees C (200 degrees F) of items such as bare piping, fittings, hangers and supports.
 - 2) Equipment and systems such as hinged covers and frames for control cabinets and boxes, cast-iron radiators, electric conduits and panel boards.
 - 3) Heating, ventilating, air conditioning, plumbing equipment, and machinery having shop prime coat and not factory finished.
 - b. Apply one coat of MPI 50 (Interior Latex Primer Sealer) and one coat of MPI 53 (Interior Latex, Flat, MPI Gloss Level 1 (LE)) on finish

- of insulation on boiler breeching and uptakes inside boiler house, drums, drumheads, oil heaters, feed water heaters, tanks and piping.
- d. Apply two coats of MPI 22 (High Heat Resistant Coating (HR)) to ferrous metal surface over 94 degrees K (200 degrees F) of following items:
 - 3) Exterior of boilers and ferrous metal in connection with boiler settings including supporting members, doors and door frames and fuel oil burning equipment.
 - 4) Steam line flanges, bare pipe, fittings, valves, hangers and supports over 94 degrees K (200 degrees F).
 - 5) Engine generator exhaust piping and muffler.
- e. Paint electrical conduits containing cables rated 600 volts or more using two coats of MPI 9 (Exterior Alkyd Enamel (EO)) in the Federal Safety Orange color in exposed and concealed spaces full length of conduit.
- 3. Other exposed locations:
 - a. Metal surfaces, except aluminum, of cooling towers exposed to view, including connected pipes, rails, and ladders: Two coats of MPI 1 (Aluminum Paint (AP)).
 - b. Cloth jackets of insulation of ducts and pipes in connection with plumbing, air conditioning, ventilating refrigeration and heating systems: One coat of MPI 50 (Interior Latex Primer Sealer) and one coat of MPI 10 (Exterior Latex, Flat (AE)).

3.11 BUILDING AND STRUCTURAL WORK FIELD PAINTING

- A. Painting and finishing of interior and exterior work except as specified under paragraph 3.11 B.
 - 1. Painting of disturbed, damaged and repaired or patched surfaces when entire space is not scheduled for complete repainting or refinishing.
 - 2. Painting of ferrous metal and galvanized metal.
 - 3. Painting of exposed wood with fire retardant paint when used as mechanical/electrical equipment spaces.
 - 5. Identity painting and safety painting.
- B. Building and Structural Work not Painted:
 - 1. Prefinished items:
 - a. Factory finished equipment and pre-engineered metal building components such as metal roof and wall panels.
 - 2. Finished surfaces:
 - a. Hardware except ferrous metal.
 - b. Anodized aluminum, stainless steel, chromium plating, copper, and brass, except as otherwise specified.

- c. Signs, fixtures, and other similar items integrally finished.
- 3. Concealed surfaces:
 - a. Inside dumbwaiter, elevator and duct shafts, interstitial spaces, pipe basements, crawl spaces, pipe tunnels, above ceilings, attics, except as otherwise specified.
 - b. Inside walls or other spaces behind access doors or panels.
 - c. Surfaces concealed behind permanently installed casework and equipment.
- 4. Moving and operating parts:
 - a. Shafts, chains, gears, mechanical and electrical operators, linkages, and sprinkler heads, and sensing devices.
 - b. Tracks for overhead or coiling doors, shutters, and grilles.
- 5. Labels:
 - a. Code required label, such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc., Inchcape Testing Services, Inc., or Factory Mutual Research Corporation.
 - b. Identification plates, instruction plates, performance rating, and nomenclature.
- 6. Galvanized metal:
 - a. Exterior chain link fence and gates, corrugated metal areaways, and gratings.
 - b. Gas Storage Racks.
 - c. Except where specifically specified to be painted.
- 7. Metal safety treads and nosings.
- 8. Gaskets.
- 9. Concrete curbs, gutters, pavements, retaining walls, exterior exposed foundations walls and interior walls in pipe basements.
- 10. Face brick.
- 11. Structural steel encased in concrete, masonry, or other enclosure.
- 12. Structural steel to receive sprayed-on fire proofing.
- 13. Ceilings, walls, columns in interstitial spaces.
- 14. Ceilings, walls, and columns in pipe basements.

3.12 IDENTITY PAINTING SCHEDULE

- A. Identify designated service in accordance with ANSI A13.1, unless specified otherwise, on exposed piping, piping above removable ceilings, piping in accessible pipe spaces, interstitial spaces, and piping behind access panels.
 - 1. Legend may be identified using 2.1 G options or by stencil applications.

2. Apply legends adjacent to changes in direction, on branches, where pipes pass through walls or floors, adjacent to operating accessories such as valves, regulators, strainers and cleanouts a minimum of 12 000 mm (40 feet) apart on straight runs of piping. Identification next to plumbing fixtures is not required.
3. Locate Legends clearly visible from operating position.
4. Use arrow to indicate direction of flow.
5. Identify pipe contents with sufficient additional details such as temperature, pressure, and contents to identify possible hazard.
6. Legend name in full or in abbreviated form as follows:

PIPING	COLOR OF EXPOSED PIPING	COLOR OF BACKGROUND	COLOR OF LETTERS	LEGEND BBREVIATIONS
Chilled Water Supply		Green	White	Ch. Wtr Sup
Chilled Water Return		Green	White	Ch. Wtr Ret
Diesel Fuel Supply		Green	White	Diesel FOS
Diesel Fuel Return		Green	White	Diesel FOR
Vent Line		Yellow	Black	Vent
Cold Water (Domestic)	White	Green	White	C.W. Dom
Sanitary Waste		Green	White	San Waste
Sanitary Vent		Green	White	San Vent
Storm Drainage		Green	White	St Drain
Pump Drainage		Green	White	Pump Disch
Fuel Gas		Yellow	Black	Gas
Fire Protection Water				
Sprinkler		Red	White	Auto Spr
Standpipe		Red	White	Stand
Sprinkler		Red	White	Drain

B. Fire and Smoke Partitions:

1. Identify partitions above ceilings on both sides of partitions except within shafts in letters not less than 64 mm (2 1/2 inches) high.
2. Stenciled message: "SMOKE BARRIER" or, "FIRE BARRIER" as applicable.
3. Locate not more than 6100 mm (20 feet) on center on corridor sides of partitions, and with a least one message per room on room side of partition.
4. Use semigloss paint of color that contrasts with color of substrate.

C. Identify columns in pipe basements and interstitial space:

1. Apply stenciled number and letters to correspond with grid numbering and lettering shown.
2. Paint numbers and letters 100 mm (4 inches) high, locate 450 mm (18 inches) below overhead structural slab.
3. Apply on four sides of interior columns and on inside face only of exterior wall columns.
4. Color:
 - a. Use black on concrete columns.
 - b. Use white or contrasting color on steel columns.

3.14 PROTECTION CLEAN UP, AND TOUCH-UP

- A. Protect work from paint droppings and spattering by use of masking, drop cloths, removal of items or by other approved methods.
- B. Upon completion, clean paint from hardware, glass and other surfaces and items not required to be painted of paint drops or smears.
- C. Before final inspection, touch-up or refinished in a manner to produce solid even color and finish texture, free from defects in work which was damaged or discolored.

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**SECTION 07 84 00
FIRESTOPPING**

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. Closures of openings in walls, floors, and roof decks against penetration of flame, heat, and smoke or gases in fire resistant rated construction.
- B. Closure of openings in walls against penetration of gases or smoke in smoke partitions.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Sealants and application: Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturers literature, data, and installation instructions for types of firestopping and smoke stopping used.
- C. List of FM, UL, or WH classification number of systems installed.
- D. Installation instructions and details for each FM, UL, or WH Certified system proposed for use.

1.4 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

- A. Deliver materials in their original unopened containers with manufacturer's name and product identification.
- B. Store in a location providing protection from damage and exposure to the elements.

1.5 WARRANTY

Firestopping work subject to the terms of the Article "Warranty of Construction", FAR clause 52.246-21, except extend the warranty period to five years.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

FM, UL, or WH or other approved laboratory tested products will be acceptable.

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):
 - E84-07.....Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

E814-06.....Fire Tests of Through-Penetration Fire Stops

C. Factory Mutual Engineering and Research Corporation (FM):

Annual Issue Approval Guide Building Materials

D. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

Annual Issue Building Materials Directory

Annual Issue Fire Resistance Directory

1479-03.....Fire Tests of Through-Penetration Firestops

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PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 FIRESTOP SYSTEMS

- A. Use either factory built (Firestop Devices) or field erected (through-Penetration Firestop Systems) to form a specific building system maintaining required integrity of the fire barrier and stop the passage of gases or smoke.
- B. Through-penetration firestop systems and firestop devices tested in accordance with ASTM E814 or UL 1479 using the "F" or "T" rating to maintain the same rating and integrity as the fire barrier being sealed. "T" ratings are not required for penetrations smaller than or equal to 100 mm (4 in) nominal pipe or 0.01 m² (16 sq. in.) in overall cross sectional area.
- C. Products requiring heat activation to seal an opening by its intumescence shall exhibit a demonstrated ability to function as designed to maintain the fire barrier.
- D. Firestop sealants used for firestopping or smoke sealing shall have following properties:
 - 1. Contain no flammable or toxic solvents.
 - 2. Have no dangerous or flammable out gassing during the drying or curing of products.
 - 3. Water-resistant after drying or curing and unaffected by high humidity, condensation or transient water exposure.
 - 4. When used in exposed areas, shall be capable of being sanded and finished with similar surface treatments as used on the surrounding wall or floor surface.
- E. Firestopping system or devices used for penetrations by glass pipe, plastic pipe or conduits, unenclosed cables, or other non-metallic materials shall have following properties:

1. Classified for use with the particular type of penetrating material used.
 2. Penetrations containing loose electrical cables, computer data cables, and communications cables protected using firestopping systems that allow unrestricted cable changes without damage to the seal.
 3. Intumescent products which would expand to seal the opening and act as fire, smoke, toxic fumes, and, water sealant.
- F. Maximum flame spread of 25 and smoke development of 50 when tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
- G. FM, UL, or WH rated or tested by an approved laboratory in accordance with ASTM E814.
- H. Materials to be asbestos free.

2.2 SMOKE STOPPING IN SMOKE PARTITIONS

- A. Use silicone sealant in smoke partitions as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS.
- B. Use mineral fiber filler and bond breaker behind sealant.
- C. Sealants shall have a maximum flame spread of 25 and smoke developed of 50 when tested in accordance with E84.
- D. When used in exposed areas capable of being sanded and finished with similar surface treatments as used on the surrounding wall or floor surface.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

Submit product data and installation instructions, as required by article, submittals, after an on site examination of areas to receive firestopping.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Remove dirt, grease, oil, loose materials, or other substances that prevent adherence and bonding or application of the firestopping or smoke stopping materials.
- B. Remove insulation on insulated pipe for a distance of 150 mm (six inches) on either side of the fire rated assembly prior to applying the firestopping materials unless the firestopping materials are tested and approved for use on insulated pipes.

3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Do not begin work until the specified material data and installation instructions of the proposed firestopping systems have been submitted and approved.
- B. Install firestopping systems with smoke stopping in accordance with FM, UL, WH, or other approved system details and installation instructions.
- C. Install smoke stopping seals in smoke partitions.

3.4 CLEAN-UP AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK

- A. As work on each floor is completed, remove materials, litter, and debris.
- B. Do not move materials and equipment to the next-scheduled work area until completed work is inspected and accepted by the Resident Engineer.
- C. Clean up spills of liquid type materials.

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**SECTION 07 92 00
JOINT SEALANTS**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION:

Section covers all sealant and caulking materials and their application, wherever required for complete installation of building materials or systems.

1.2 RELATED WORK:

- A. Sealing of site work concrete paving: Section 32 05 23, CEMENT AND CONCRETE FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS.
- C. Firestopping penetrations: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- D. Mechanical Work: Section 21 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION; Section 23 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR HVAC AND STEAM GENERATION.
- E. Electrical Work: Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

1.3 QUALITY CONTROL:

- A. Installer Qualifications: An experienced installer who has specialized in installing joint sealants similar in material, design, and extent to those indicated for this Project and whose work has resulted in joint-sealant installations with a record of successful in-service performance.
- B. Source Limitations: Obtain each type of joint sealant through one source from a single manufacturer.
- C. Product Testing: Obtain test results from a qualified testing agency based on testing current sealant formulations within a 12-month period.
 - 1. Testing Agency Qualifications: An independent testing agency qualified according to ASTM C1021.
 - 2. Test elastomeric joint sealants for compliance with requirements specified by reference to ASTM C920, and where applicable, to other standard test methods.
 - 3. Test other joint sealants for compliance with requirements indicated by referencing standard specifications and test methods.
- D. VOC: Acrylic latex and Silicon sealants shall have less than 50g/l VOC content.

1.4 SUBMITTALS:

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturer's installation instructions for each product used.
- C. Cured samples of exposed sealants for each color where required to match adjacent material.
- D. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
 - 1. Caulking compound
 - 2. Primers
 - 3. Sealing compound, each type, including compatibility when different sealants are in contact with each other.

1.5 PROJECT CONDITIONS:

- A. Environmental Limitations:
 - 1. Do not proceed with installation of joint sealants under following conditions:
 - a. When ambient and substrate temperature conditions are outside limits permitted by joint sealant manufacturer or are below 40 °F.
 - b. When joint substrates are wet.
- B. Joint-Width Conditions:
 - 1. Do not proceed with installation of joint sealants where joint widths are less than those allowed by joint sealant manufacturer for applications indicated.
- C. Joint-Substrate Conditions:
 - 1. Do not proceed with installation of joint sealants until contaminants capable of interfering with adhesion are removed from joint substrates.

1.6 DELIVERY, HANDLING, AND STORAGE:

- A. Deliver materials in manufacturers' original unopened containers, with brand names, date of manufacture, shelf life, and material designation clearly marked thereon.
- B. Carefully handle and store to prevent inclusion of foreign materials.
- C. Do not subject to sustained temperatures exceeding 90° F or less than 40° F.

1.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. Definitions of terms in accordance with ASTM C717 and as specified.
- B. Back-up Rod: A type of sealant backing.
- C. Bond Breakers: A type of sealant backing.
- D. Filler: A sealant backing used behind a back-up rod.

1.8 WARRANTY:

- A. Warranty exterior sealing against leaks, adhesion, and cohesive failure, and subject to terms of "Warranty of Construction", FAR clause 52.246-21, except that warranty period shall be extended to two years.
- B. General Warranty: Special warranty specified in this Article shall not deprive Government of other rights Government may have under other provisions of Contract Documents and shall be in addition to, and run concurrent with, other warranties made by Contractor under requirements of Contract Documents.

1.9 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
 - C509-06.....Elastomeric Cellular Preformed Gasket and Sealing Material.
 - C612-04.....Mineral Fiber Block and Board Thermal Insulation.
 - C717-07.....Standard Terminology of Building Seals and Sealants.
 - C834-05.....Latex Sealants.
 - C919-02.....Use of Sealants in Acoustical Applications.
 - C920-05.....Elastomeric Joint Sealants.
 - C1021-08.....Laboratories Engaged in Testing of Building Sealants.
 - C1193-05.....Standard Guide for Use of Joint Sealants.
 - C1330-02 (R2007).....Cylindrical Sealant Backing for Use with Cold Liquid Applied Sealants.
 - D1056-07.....Specification for Flexible Cellular Materials—Sponge or Expanded Rubber.

E84-08.....Surface Burning Characteristics of Building
Materials.

C. Sealant, Waterproofing and Restoration Institute (SWRI).
The Professionals' Guide

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 SEALANTS:

A. S-1:

1. ASTM C920, polyurethane or polysulfide.
2. Type M.
3. Class 25.
4. Grade NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 20-40

B. S-2:

1. ASTM C920, polyurethane or polysulfide.
2. Type M.
3. Class 25.
4. Grade P.
5. Shore A hardness of 25-40.

C. S-3:

1. ASTM C920, polyurethane or polysulfide.
2. Type S.
3. Class 25, joint movement range of plus or minus 50 percent.
4. Grade NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 15-25.
6. Minimum elongation of 700 percent.

D. S-4:

1. ASTM C920 polyurethane or polysulfide.
2. Type S.
3. Class 25.
4. Grade NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 25-40.

E. S-5:

1. ASTM C920, polyurethane or polysulfide.
2. Type S.
3. Class 25.
4. Grade P.

5. Shore hardness of 15-45.

F. S-6:

1. ASTM C920, silicone, neutral cure.
2. Type S.
3. Class: Joint movement range of plus 100 percent to minus 50 percent.
4. Grade NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 15-20.
6. Minimum elongation of 1200 percent.

G. S-7:

1. ASTM C920, silicone, neutral cure.
2. Type S.
3. Class 25.
4. Grade NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 25-30.
6. Structural glazing application.

H. S-8:

1. ASTM C920, silicone, acetoxycure.
2. Type S.
3. Class 25.
4. Grade NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 25-30.
6. Structural glazing application.

I. S-9:

1. ASTM C920 silicone.
2. Type S.
3. Class 25.
4. Grade NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 25-30.
6. Non-yellowing, mildew resistant.

J. S-10:

1. ASTM C920, coal tar extended fuel resistance polyurethane.
2. Type M/S.
3. Class 25.
4. Grade P/NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 15-20.

K. S-11:

1. ASTM C920 polyurethane.
2. Type M/S.

3. Class 25.
4. Grade P/NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 35 to 50.

L. S-12:

1. ASTM C920, polyurethane.
2. Type M/S.
3. Class 25, joint movement range of plus or minus 50 percent.
4. Grade P/NS.
5. Shore A hardness of 25 to 50.

2.2 CAULKING COMPOUND:

- A. C-1: ASTM C834, acrylic latex.
- B. C-2: One component acoustical caulking, non drying, non hardening, synthetic rubber.

2.3 COLOR:

- A. Sealants used with exposed masonry shall match color of mortar joints.
- B. Sealants used with unpainted concrete shall match color of adjacent concrete.
- C. Color of sealants for other locations shall be light gray or aluminum, unless specified otherwise.
- D. Caulking shall be light gray or white, unless specified otherwise.

2.4 JOINT SEALANT BACKING:

- A. General: Provide sealant backings of material and type that are nonstaining; are compatible with joint substrates, sealants, primers, and other joint fillers; and are approved for applications indicated by sealant manufacturer based on field experience and laboratory testing.
- B. Cylindrical Sealant Backings: ASTM C1330, of type indicated below and of size and density to control sealant depth and otherwise contribute to producing optimum sealant performance:
 1. Type C: Closed-cell material with a surface skin.
- C. Elastomeric Tubing Sealant Backings: Neoprene, butyl, EPDM, or silicone tubing complying with ASTM D1056, nonabsorbent to water and gas, and capable of remaining resilient at temperatures down to minus 26° F. Provide products with low compression set and of size and shape to provide a secondary seal, to control sealant depth, and otherwise contribute to optimum sealant performance.
- D. Bond-Breaker Tape: Polyethylene tape or other plastic tape recommended by sealant manufacturer for preventing sealant from adhering to rigid, inflexible joint-filler materials or joint surfaces at back of joint

where such adhesion would result in sealant failure. Provide self-adhesive tape where applicable.

2.5 FILLER:

- A. Mineral fiber board: ASTM C612, Class 1.
- B. Thickness same as joint width.
- C. Depth to fill void completely behind back-up rod.

2.6 PRIMER:

- A. As recommended by manufacturer of caulking or sealant material.
- B. Stain free type.

2.7 CLEANERS-NON POUROUS SURFACES:

Chemical cleaners acceptable to manufacturer of sealants and sealant backing material, free of oily residues and other substances capable of staining or harming joint substrates and adjacent non-porous surfaces and formulated to promote adhesion of sealant and substrates.

PART 3 - EXECUTION**3.1 INSPECTION:**

- A. Inspect substrate surface for bond breaker contamination and unsound materials at adherent faces of sealant.
- B. Coordinate for repair and resolution of unsound substrate materials.
- C. Inspect for uniform joint widths and that dimensions are within tolerance established by sealant manufacturer.

3.2 PREPARATIONS:

- A. Prepare joints in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and SWRI.
- B. Clean surfaces of joint to receive caulking or sealants leaving joint dry to the touch, free from frost, moisture, grease, oil, wax, lacquer paint, or other foreign matter that would tend to destroy or impair adhesion.
 - 1. Clean porous joint substrate surfaces by brushing, grinding, blast cleaning, mechanical abrading, or a combination of these methods to produce a clean, sound substrate capable of developing optimum bond with joint sealants.
 - 2. Remove loose particles remaining from above cleaning operations by vacuuming or blowing out joints with oil-free compressed air. Porous joint surfaces include the following:
 - a. Concrete.
 - b. Masonry.
 - c. Unglazed surfaces of ceramic tile.
 - 3. Remove laitance and form-release agents from concrete.

4. Clean nonporous surfaces with chemical cleaners or other means that do not stain, harm substrates, or leave residues capable of interfering with adhesion of joint sealants.
 - a. Metal.
 - b. Glass.
 - c. Porcelain enamel.
 - d. Glazed surfaces of ceramic tile.
- C. Do not cut or damage joint edges.
- D. Apply masking tape to face of surfaces adjacent to joints before applying primers, caulking, or sealing compounds.
 1. Do not leave gaps between ends of sealant backings.
 2. Do not stretch, twist, puncture, or tear sealant backings.
 3. Remove absorbent sealant backings that have become wet before sealant application and replace them with dry materials.
- E. Apply primer to sides of joints wherever required by compound manufacturer's printed instructions.
 1. Apply primer prior to installation of back-up rod or bond breaker tape.
 2. Use brush or other approved means that will reach all parts of joints.
- F. Take all necessary steps to prevent three sided adhesion of sealants.

3.3 BACKING INSTALLATION:

- A. Install back-up material, to form joints enclosed on three sides as required for specified depth of sealant.
- B. Where deep joints occur, install filler to fill space behind the back-up rod and position the rod at proper depth.
- C. Cut fillers installed by others to proper depth for installation of back-up rod and sealants.
- D. Install back-up rod, without puncturing the material, to a uniform depth, within plus or minus 1/8 inch for sealant depths specified.
- E. Where space for back-up rod does not exist, install bond breaker tape strip at bottom (or back) of joint so sealant bonds only to two opposing surfaces.
- F. Take all necessary steps to prevent three sided adhesion of sealants.

3.4 SEALANT DEPTHS AND GEOMETRY:

- A. At widths up to 1/4 inch, sealant depth equal to width.

- B. At widths over 1/4 inch, sealant depth 1/2 of width up to 1/2 inch maximum depth at center of joint with sealant thickness at center of joint approximately 1/2 of depth at adhesion surface.

3.5 INSTALLATION:

A. General:

1. Apply sealants and caulking only when ambient temperature is between 40° and 100° F.
2. Do not use polysulfide base sealants where sealant may be exposed to fumes from bituminous materials, or where water vapor in continuous contact with cementitious materials may be present.
3. Do not use sealant type listed by manufacture as not suitable for use in locations specified.
4. Apply caulking and sealing compound in accordance with manufacturer's printed instructions.
5. Avoid dropping or smearing compound on adjacent surfaces.
6. Fill joints solidly with compound and finish compound smooth.
7. Tool joints to concave surface unless shown or specified otherwise.
8. Finish paving or floor joints flush unless joint is otherwise detailed.
9. Apply compounds with nozzle size to fit joint width.
10. Test sealants for compatibility with each other and substrate. Use only compatible sealant.

- B. For application of sealants, follow requirements of ASTM C1193 unless specified otherwise.

- C. Where gypsum board partitions are of sound rated, fire rated, or smoke barrier construction, follow requirements of ASTM C919 only to seal all cut-outs and intersections with the adjoining construction unless specified otherwise.

1. Apply a 1/4 inch minimum bead of sealant each side of runners (tracks), including those used at partition intersections with dissimilar wall construction.
2. Coordinate with application of gypsum board to install sealant immediately prior to application of gypsum board.
3. Partition intersections: Seal edges of face layer of gypsum board abutting intersecting partitions, before taping and finishing or application of veneer plaster-joint reinforcing.

4. Openings: Apply a 1/4 inch bead of sealant around all cut-outs to seal openings of electrical boxes, ducts, pipes and similar penetrations. To seal electrical boxes, seal sides and backs.
5. Control Joints: Before control joints are installed, apply sealant in back of control joint to reduce flanking path for sound through control joint.

3.6 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL:

- A. Inspect joints for complete fill, for absence of voids, and for joint configuration complying with specified requirements. Record results in a field adhesion test log.

3.7 CLEANING:

- A. Fresh compound accidentally smeared on adjoining surfaces: Scrape off immediately and rub clean with a solvent as recommended by the caulking or sealant manufacturer.
- B. After filling and finishing joints, remove masking tape.
- C. Leave adjacent surfaces in a clean and unstained condition.

3.8 LOCATIONS:

- A. Exterior Building Joints, Horizontal and Vertical:
 1. Metal to Metal: Type S-1, S-2
 2. Metal to Masonry or Stone: Type S-1
 3. Masonry Expansion and Control Joints: Type S-6
 4. Wood to Masonry: Type S-1
- B. Metal Reglets and Flashings:
 1. Flashings to Wall: Type S-6
 2. Metal to Metal: Type S-6
- C. Horizontal Traffic Joints:
 1. Concrete Paving, Unit Pavers: Type S-11 or S-12
- D. High Temperature Joints over 400 degrees F:
 1. Exhaust Pipes, Flues, Breech Stacks: Type S-7 or S-8
- E. Interior Caulking:
 1. Typical Narrow Joint 1/4 inch or less at Walls and Adjacent Components: Types C-1, C-2 and C-3.

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SECTION 02 20 00 INFECTION CONTROL

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 DEFINITIONS

Construction Type A - Inspection and Non-Invasive Activities. Includes, but is not limited to: removal of ceiling tiles for visual inspection limited to 1 tile per 50 square feet; painting (but not sanding); wall covering; electrical trim work; minor plumbing; and activities which do not generate dust or require cutting of walls or access to ceilings other than for visual inspection.

Construction Type B - Small scale, short duration activities that create minimal dust. Includes, but is not limited to: installation of telephone or computer cabling; access to pipe chase spaces; cutting of walls or ceilings where dust migration can be controlled.

Construction Type C - Any work, which generates a moderate to high level of dust or requires demolition or removal of any fixed building components or assemblies. Includes, but is not limited to: sanding of walls for painting or wall covering; removal of floor coverings, ceiling tiles and casework; new wall construction; minor ductwork or electrical work above ceilings; major cabling activities; and any activity which cannot be completed within a single work shift.

Construction Type D - Major demolition and construction projects. Includes, but is not limited to: activities that require consecutive work shifts; require heavy demolition or removal of a complete ceiling system; and new construction.

Group 1 Lowest Risk Patient Risk Group - Office areas

Group 2 Medium Risk Patient Risk Group - Cardiology, Echocardiography, Laboratories, Nuclear Medicine, Physical Therapy, Radiology/MRI, Respiratory Therapy

Group 3 Medium-High Risk Patient Risk Group - Emergency Room, Day Surgery, Pharmacy, Endoscopy

Group 4 Highest Risk Patient Risk Group - 4B (Hem/Onc Unit), Operating Rooms/Sterile Processing, Cardiac Catheterization & Angiography Areas, Dialysis, ICU/CCU/CVT/CVT-I, Med/Surg Nursing Units, Post-Anesthesia Care Units.

HEPA - High Efficiency Particulate Air

Level of Infection Control - Class I, II, III or IV, as determined from the IC Matrix

1.2 DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the infection control procedures are to minimize the risk of infection during construction by maintaining the integrity of the environment, and controlling the spread of dust.

The following Infection Control Matrix defines the matrix of precautions to be implemented for construction, demolition and renovation. Matching the planned construction type with the patient risk group on the matrix defines the minimum level of infection control required (Class I, II, III or IV).

<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Construction Activity</u>			
	<u>Type A</u>	<u>Type B</u>	<u>Type C</u>	<u>Type D</u>
Group 1 Lowest Risk	Class I	Class II	Class II	Class III/IV
Group 2 Medium Risk	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
Group 3 High Risk	Class II	Class II	Class III/IV	Class IV
Group 4 Highest Risk	Class II	Class III/IV	Class III/IV	Class IV

Class I:

1. Execute work by methods to minimize raising dust and fumes from interior and exterior construction operations.
2. Water mist work surfaces to control dust
3. Immediately replace a ceiling tile displaced for visual inspection
4. Use travel routes that minimize exposure of patients to construction workers, materials, tools, and equipment.
5. Schedule utility interruptions during periods of low hospital activity.

Class II: In addition to precautions for Class I:

1. Provide active means to prevent airborne dust from dispersing into the atmosphere.
2. HEPA vacuum upper surfaces of ceiling tiles prior to removal
3. Seal unused doors with duct tape
4. Block off and seal air vents
5. Place adhesive walk-off mats at entrances and exits of work areas.
6. Seal or isolate HVAC system in areas where work is being performed.
7. HEPA vacuum work surfaces and containers before removing from the work area.
8. HEPA vacuum worker clothing, tools, materials and equipment before leaving the work area.

Class III: In addition to the precautions for Class I and II:

1. Install critical barriers at all openings to the work area

2. Isolate HVAC system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of the duct system.
3. Maintain negative air pressure within the work site utilizing HEPA-equipped air filtration units.
4. Seal holes, pipes, conduits and punctures within the work area using fire-safe, impermeable materials.
5. Construct anteroom contiguous to the work area and require all personnel to pass through this room so they can be vacuumed using a HEPA vacuum cleaner before leaving the work site.
6. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers
7. Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering to container to seal all joints.
8. Do not remove barriers from the work area until the completed project is thoroughly cleaned by the VA's Environmental Services Department and inspected by the VA.

Class IV: In addition to precautions for Class I, II and III:

1. No work is permitted in areas occupied by patients.
2. All personnel entering the work site are required to wear head covers, shoe covers, and overalls. Head covers, shoe covers, and overalls must be changed within the anteroom each time the worker exists the work area..

Conduct work by implementing the appropriate level of infection control as required or as noted herein.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are for information only.

SD-06 Test Reports

Air sampling results;

Pressure differential recordings for local exhausts;

SD-07 Certificates

Employee training;

VAMC Infection Control Construction Permits; G

SD-11 Closeout Submittals

Completed daily VAMC Infection Control Compliance Checklists

Construction Inspection Forms

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.4.1 Qualifications

All personnel are required to wear N95 respirators, disposable booties and coveralls when working inside the containment. These are to be removed when exiting the work area.

All personnel are to be trained on infection control procedures and these work procedures.

1.5 EQUIPMENT

Fire retardant polyethylene

HEPA filtered vacuum

HEPA filtered negative air machine

Duct tape

Framing and other materials necessary to isolate the work area

Power equipment that generates dust will have dust collection equipment attached.

1.6 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

1.6.1 Existing Conditions

Perform work without damage or contamination of adjacent areas. Where existing work is damaged or contaminated, restore work to its original condition or better as determined by the Contracting Officer.

1.7 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

All work will be coordinated with the hospital infection control office, facility director, safety department, security office and work will not commence until the Infection Control Construction Permit has been approved by VAMC for that specific work area, including designation of the pre-determined debris removal routes.

Any issue that could have impact on VAMC operations must be reported to the VAMC project representative before commencement. This would include containment breeching, loss of

negative pressure, releases of dust/debris into uncontrolled interior building areas or other issues that could affect infection control procedures.

Work phasing and breakout of specific work areas shall be in coordination with the Contracting Officers needs and the General Contractor's schedule and not adversely affect the operations of the VAMC in any way.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

NotUsed.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

Obtain an Infection Control Construction Permit prior to performing any work of construction types A through D as defined above. Removal of a single ceiling tile in a suspended acoustic ceiling for observation purposes only does not require an infection control construction permit.

Existing air handling ductwork, supply and return grills, and/or HVAC fresh air intakes shall be isolated using air tight seals.

Elevator use must be coordinated with facilities and must not impact VAMC operations. Time and dates of waste load must be identified each day.

3.2 ERECTION

Install impervious barriers from floor to ceiling and wall to wall to seal work areas from non-work areas. When work is in an area designated for Class IV protection, double impervious barriers shall be used.

Impervious barriers shall be constructed of non-combustible or fire retardant materials. Barriers shall be minimum one-hour rated construction. Framing for barriers shall be of metal; wood framing is not allowed. At door openings, use Class C $\frac{3}{4}$ hour fire/smoke rated doors and frames with closers. Use fire retardant polyethylene for dust barriers if the use of plastic material for barriers is approved by VAMC Providence.

Critical barriers are to be installed on all doors and windows and other entrances to the work area.

Seal all holes, chases, pipe cavities and other perforations before commencing work. Sealants shall be non-flammable material.

Create a negative pressure work area by installing HEPA filtered negative air machines within the work area to remove dust particles from the air and exhaust to the outside.

Maintain negative pressure of at least -0.02 inches water in all work areas and document compliance.

Construct an entry/exit chamber for decontaminating people and equipment leaving the work area. A HEPA vacuum is required to remove dust from equipment and people leaving the site. Disposable PPE shall be removed prior to exiting the entry/exit chamber.

Adhesive Step-off pads at least 24"x36" are to be located at the exit of the work area before entering the occupied areas of the VAMC.

Vacuum the top surfaces of ceiling tiles using a HEPA vacuum prior to removal of ceiling tiles.

Traffic will be minimized to/from the work area.

Elevators or stairwells within the work area must be isolated with impervious barriers.

Activities such as cutting, demolishing, and other large dust generating activities shall have work surfaces water-misted prior to impact.

Where powered equipment that generates dust will be utilized, such equipment shall have dust collection equipment attached.

Provide active means to prevent airborne dust from dispersing into the atmosphere.

3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

3.3.1 Inspection

Conduct daily inspections using the VAMC Infection Control Compliance Checklist and Infection Control Construction Inspection Form.

Continuously monitor and document negative pressure levels. Maintain a written log of negative pressure levels measured to include date and time of the measurement.

All barriers and HEPA filtered negative pressure are to remain in place until clearance has been obtained from VAMC representatives. This could include the IC Department, Safety Department, and Environmental Services Department.

3.3.2 Tests

VAMC representatives may conduct post abatement and during abatement sampling for dust, mold spores and surface contamination. Sampling may be conducted for dusts outside the work area to assess impact.

3.4 CLEANING AND DISPOSAL

The construction area and adjacent areas are to be kept in a clean and sanitary manner, using damp methods and HEPA filtered vacuuming.

Dry sweeping shall not be allowed.

Any dust tracked outside of the barriers must be removed immediately and as it accumulates.

Surfaces are to be cleaned daily or more frequently if needed with VAMC approved cleaning products.

There shall be no standing water in the work area. All accidental spills must be cleaned up immediately and wet porous material removed within one hour.

Any water damaged areas scheduled for impact/demolition shall be removed first, under HEPA filtered exhaust and containment, with the waste promptly bagged, to reduce aerosol of microbial agent/fungi/spore from potentially escaping out of the work space.

All barriers are to be removed carefully to minimize the spread of contaminants.

Where feasible, the optimal method for removal of debris is via an exterior type chute to closed top containers.

Where not feasible, waste is to be removed in clean air tight covered containers and transported from the work area by a pre-determined route during off-peak hours. Such designated debris removal routes shall be cleaned by damp-mop and/or HEPA filtered vacuuming prior to being returned to patient/staff use.

For work performed exterior to the building envelope, no debris/waste movement shall be allowed through the building interior spaces.

-- End of Section --

**VA MEDICAL CENTER
Infection Control Program**

INFECTION CONTROL FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

WHY INFECTION CONTROL IS IMPORTANT

Hospital-acquired infections (nosocomial) affect 5 percent of all patients admitted to hospitals in the United States and can cause significant illness or even death. Not all of these infections are preventable; however, studies show that up to 32 percent of hospital acquired infections can be prevented when hospitals employ an active and effective infections control program. Hospitals patients are at risk for infection because the stresses of illness and invasive treatments weaken their immune system. In general, healthy adults who are to be at work do not have the same risk for acquiring infections.

Our Infection Control Program is designed to identify and control situations that carry an increased risk for infection and to provide for a safe and healthful environment for patients and staff. During the construction project, you may be asked to do some things a bit differently to ensure that the environment is maintained as safe as possible for all. This information was developed through collaboration with the Infection Control Coordinator, Chief FMS, Safety Officer and Industrial Hygienist to help in explaining infection control aspects of construction in the hospital setting.

DUST CONTROL POLICY

- ◆ Determine if the HVAC system includes return air from the construction area. If so, divert to exhaust if possible, add filtering to remove dust before it enters the return air system, or blocking supply and return vents.
- ◆ Install impervious barriers from floor to floor slab above and wall to wall using framing, clips and duct tape as required to maintain and secure the barrier seal.
- ◆ Report disruptions such as holes in the barrier and interruptions in the seal to the Project Manager immediately.
- ◆ Place the “air moving and filtration device” into the containment area and operate to remove dust particles from the air.
- ◆ Negative air pressure will always be maintained in the construction site at all times during construction.
- ◆ If work is in an extremely sensitive area such as the Operating Room, double barriers may be required.
- ◆ Project site must be completely contained before work begins and all penetrations into the construction site must be sealed. Windows must be closed and air ducts shut down or taped.
- ◆ Anterooms (consisting of confined space beyond the barriers) will be provided at entrances to the work area to contain debris and provide an area where workers can remove protective clothing or vacuum off personal clothing except when exiting directly to the outside of the building.

- ◆ Walk-off mats will be at entrances to work areas during construction.
- ◆ Traffic routes will be pre-determined and traffic to and from the construction site will be minimized.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING POLICY

- ◆ *Any dust tracked outside the barriers must be removed immediately as it accumulates.*
- ◆ *All cleaning in the construction area will be by damp method or HEPA filtered vacuum.*
- ◆ *Debris will be removed by a pre-determined route and transported in clean, covered containers.*
- ◆ *At the end of each construction shift, construction personnel will do a thorough clean up of the area.*
- ◆ *After inspection, the contractor will remove barriers.*
- ◆ *Environmental Services will do a thorough final cleaning.*

Thank you for participating in our effort to provide a safe hospital environment. If you have concerns or questions about infection control, please call the Infection Control Office at extension 3608.

**VA MEDICAL CENTER
INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM**

INFECTION CONTROL COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Project: _____ **Date:** _____

Time Start: _____ Time End: _____

The following are checked at least daily during demolition and/or construction:

1. Barrier containment completed before construction began.
2. Negative air pressure at construction site was monitored and recorded, at least daily, during construction work.
3. Construction area air exhausted directly outside or HEPA filtered to remove dust before the return to the HVAC system.
4. Air moving and HEPA filtration device placed into the construction area to remove and prevent the escape of dust and fungal particles.
5. All construction holes, pipes, conduits, punctures and/or exposures appropriately sealed.
6. Construction workers put on coveralls for entering the work site or vacuum off work clothes with a HEPA vacuum cleaner prior to exiting the work area.
7. Work surfaces water-misted to control dust while cutting.
8. Dust mats placed at entrance to work area at all times.
9. Workers wore clean shoe covers each time they exited the work area to travel to other areas of the facility (or no travel to other areas was necessary).
10. Dust tracked outside the barrier was removed immediately by damp-mop method or with HEPA filtered vacuum cleaners.
11. Debris was transported from the construction area by the pre-determined route in clean containers with tight-fitting covers.
12. Designated debris routes were cleaned by damp-mop method or with HEPA filtered vacuum cleaners prior to being returned to patient or staff use.
13. Any disruption or violation of the containment barrier integrity was immediately reported to the Project Manager.
14. The freight elevator should not transport supplies or contractors to the 7th floor. All contractors will exit on the 6th floor to minimize traffic going to the 7th floor.

Above items checked (by initials) at the following times:

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Compliance Checklist Submitted By: _____

COMMENTS: _____

ATTACHMENT C

Providence VA Medical Center - Infection Control Construction Permit

Location of Construction:			Project Start Date:	
Project Coordinator:			Estimated Duration:	
Contractor:			Permit Expiration Date:	
Supervisor:				
Patient Risk Group	TYPE A	TYPE B	TYPE C	TYPE D
LOW	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS II	CLASS III/IV
MEDIUM	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV
HIGH	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III/IV	CLASS IV
HIGHEST	CLASS II	CLASS III/IV	CLASS III/IV	CLASS IV

Type of Construction _____ Pt Risk Group _____

CLASS I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Execute work by methods to minimize raising dust and fumes from interior and exterior construction operations. 2. Water mist work surfaces to control dust 3. Immediately replace a ceiling tile displaced for visual inspection. 4. Use travel routes that minimize exposure of patients to construction workers, materials, tools and equipment. 5. Schedule utility interruptions during periods of low hospital activity
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Circle Class of Precautions Necessary for this Project

CLASS II	<p>In addition to precautions listed for Class I above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide active means to prevent airborne dust from dispersing into atmosphere.2. HEPA vacuum upper surfaces of ceiling tiles prior to removal3. Seal unused doors with duct tape.4. Block off and seal air vents.5. Place adhesive walk-off mats at entrance and exit of work areas.6. Seal or isolate HVAC system in areas where work is being performed.7. HEPA vacuum work surfaces and containers before removing from the work area8. HEPA vacuum worker clothing, tools, materials, and equipment before leaving the work area
CLASS III	<p>In addition to precautions listed for Classes I and II above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Install critical barriers at all openings to the work area2. Isolate HVAC system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of duct system.3. Maintain negative air pressure within work site utilizing HEPA equipped air filtration units.4. Seal holes, pipes, conduits, and punctures within the work area using fire-safe, impermeable materials.5. Construct anteroom contiguous with work area and require all personnel to pass through this room so they can be vacuumed using a HEPA vacuum cleaner before leaving work site.6. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers.7. Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering to container to seal all joints.8. Do not remove barriers from the work area until the completed project is thoroughly cleaned by the VA's Environmental Services Department and inspected by the VA
CLASS IV	<p>In addition to precautions listed for Classes I, II and III above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No work is permitted in areas occupied by patients.2. All personnel entering work site are required to wear head covers, shoe covers and coveralls. Head covers, shoe covers and coveralls must be changed within the anteroom each time the worker exits the work area.

Infection Control _____ Date _____

Project Manager _____ Date _____

Chief, Facilities Management _____ Date _____

**SECTION 02 41 00
DEMOLITION**

PART 1 - GENERAL**1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

This section specifies demolition and removal of buildings, portions of buildings, utilities, other structures and debris.

1.2 RELATED WORK:

- A. Demolition and removal of roads, walks, curbs, and on-grade slabs outside buildings to be demolished: Section 31 20 11, EARTH MOVING (SHORT FORM).
- B. Safety Requirements: GENERAL CONDITIONS Article, ACCIDENT PREVENTION.
- C. Disconnecting utility services prior to demolition: Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- D. Reserved items that are to remain the property of the Government: Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- E. Asbestos Removal: Section 02 82 11, TRADITIONAL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT.
- F. Lead Paint: Section 02 83 33.13, LEAD-BASED PAINT REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL.
- G. Environmental Protection: Section 01 57 19, TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS.
- H. Infectious Control: Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, Article 1.7, INFECTION PREVENTION MEASURES.

1.3 PROTECTION:

- A. Perform demolition in such manner as to eliminate hazards to persons and property; to minimize interference with use of adjacent areas, utilities and structures or interruption of use of such utilities; and to provide free passage to and from such adjacent areas of structures. Comply with requirements of GENERAL CONDITIONS Article, ACCIDENT PREVENTION.
- B. Provide safeguards, including warning signs, barricades, temporary fences, warning lights, and other similar items that are required for protection of all personnel during demolition and removal operations. Comply with requirements of Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, Article 1.9 PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION, STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS.
- C. Maintain fences, barricades, lights, and other similar items around exposed excavations until such excavations have been completely filled.
- D. Provide enclosed dust chutes with control gates from each floor to carry debris to truck beds and govern flow of material into truck. Provide overhead bridges of tight board or prefabricated metal construction at dust chutes to protect persons and property from falling debris.

- E. Prevent spread of flying particles and dust. Sprinkle rubbish and debris with water to keep dust to a minimum. Do not use water if it results in hazardous or objectionable condition such as, but not limited to; ice, flooding, or pollution. Vacuum and dust the work area daily.
- F. In addition to previously listed fire and safety rules to be observed in performance of work, include following:
1. No wall or part of wall shall be permitted to fall outwardly from structures.
 2. Wherever a cutting torch or other equipment that might cause a fire is used, provide and maintain fire extinguishers nearby ready for immediate use. Instruct all possible users in use of fire extinguishers.
 3. Keep hydrants clear and accessible at all times. Prohibit debris from accumulating within a radius of 15 feet of fire hydrants.
- G. Before beginning any demolition work, the Contractor shall survey the site and examine the drawings and specifications to determine the extent of the work. The contractor shall take necessary precautions to avoid damages to existing items to remain in place, to be reused, or to remain the property of the Medical Center; any damaged items shall be repaired or replaced as approved by the Resident Engineer. The Contractor shall coordinate the work of this section with all other work and shall construct and maintain shoring, bracing, and supports as required. The Contractor shall ensure that structural elements are not overloaded and shall be responsible for increasing structural supports or adding new supports as may be required as a result of any cutting, removal, or demolition work performed under this contract. Do not overload structural elements. Provide new supports and reinforcement for existing construction weakened by demolition or removal works. Repairs, reinforcement, or structural replacement must have Resident Engineer's approval.
- H. The work shall comply with the requirements of Section 01 57 19, TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS.
- I. The work shall comply with the requirements of Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, Article 1.7 INFECTION PREVENTION MEASURES.

1.4 UTILITY SERVICES:

- A. Demolish and remove outside utility service lines shown to be removed.
- B. Remove abandoned outside utility lines that would interfere with installation of new utility lines and new construction.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS (NOT USED)**PART 3 - EXECUTION****3.1 DEMOLITION:**

- A. Completely demolish and remove equipment, buildings and structures, including all appurtenances related or connected thereto, as noted below:
 - 1. As required for installation of new utility service lines.
 - 2. To full depth within an area defined by hypothetical lines located 5 feet outside building lines of new structures.
- B. Debris, including brick, concrete, stone, metals and similar materials shall become property of Contractor and shall be disposed of by him daily, off the Medical Center property. Materials that cannot be removed daily shall be stored in areas specified by the Resident Engineer. Contractor shall dispose debris in compliance with applicable federal, state or local permits, rules and/or regulations.
- C. Remove and legally dispose of all materials other than earth to remain as part of project work. Materials removed shall become property of contractor and shall be disposed of in compliance with applicable federal, state or local permits, rules and/or regulations. All materials in trash dump areas, including above surrounding grade and extending to a depth of 5 feet below surrounding grade, shall be included as part of the lump sum compensation for the work of this section. The removal of hazardous material shall be referred to Hazardous Materials specifications.
- E. Remove existing utilities as indicated or uncovered by work and terminate in a manner conforming to the nationally recognized code covering the specific utility and approved by the Resident Engineer. When Utility lines are encountered that are not indicated on the drawings, the Resident Engineer shall be notified prior to further work in that area.

3.2 CLEAN-UP:

On completion of work of this section and after removal of all debris, leave site in clean condition satisfactory to Resident Engineer. Clean-up shall include off the Medical Center property disposal of all items and materials not required to remain property of the Government as well as all debris and rubbish resulting from demolition operations.

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SECTION 02 82 13.21
GENERAL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY OF THE WORK

1.1.1 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Drawings, general provisions of the contract, including general and supplementary conditions and other Division 01 specifications, shall apply to the work of this section. The contract documents show the work to be done under the contract and related requirements and conditions impacting the project. Related requirements and conditions include applicable codes and regulations, notices and permits, existing site conditions and restrictions on use of the site, requirements for partial owner occupancy during the work, coordination with other work and the phasing of the work. In the event the Asbestos Abatement Contractor (Contractor) discovers a conflict in the contract documents and/or requirements or codes, the conflict must be brought to the immediate attention of the Contracting Officer for resolution. Whenever there is a conflict or overlap in the requirements, the most stringent shall apply. Any actions taken by the Contractor without obtaining guidance from the Contracting Officer shall become the sole risk and responsibility of the Contractor. All cost incurred due to such action are also the responsibility of the Contractor.

1.1.2 EXTENT OF WORK

- A. Below is a brief description of the estimated quantities of exterior asbestos containing materials to be abated. These quantities are for informational purposes only and are based on the best information available at the time of the specification preparation. The Contractor shall satisfy himself as the actual quantities to be abated. Nothing in this section may be interpreted as limiting the extent of work otherwise required by this contract and related documents.
- B. Removal, clean-up and disposal of exterior ACM in an appropriate regulated area in the following approximate quantities:

Damp proofing on miscellaneous vaults and surfaces to facilitate core drilling.

- C. Asbestos containing damp proofing is assumed on the exteriors of electrical vaults and foundation walls which may be penetrated as part of this project.

- D. Unit pricing shall be utilized for the abatement of previously unidentified materials that may be discovered once project has commenced.

1.1.3 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- B. Section 02 41 00, DEMOLITION.
- C. Division 09, FINISHES.

1.1.4 TASKS

The work tasks are summarized briefly as follows:

- A. Pre-abatement activities including pre-abatement meeting(s), inspection(s), notifications, permits, submittal approvals, work-site preparations, emergency procedures arrangements, and standard operating procedures for Class II asbestos abatement work.
- B. Abatement activities including removal, clean-up and disposal of ACM waste, recordkeeping, security, monitoring, and inspections.
- C. Cleaning and decontamination activities including final visual inspection, air monitoring and certification of decontamination.

1.1.5 ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR USE OF PREMISES

- A. The Contractor and Contractor's personnel shall cooperate fully with the VA representative/consultant to facilitate efficient use of buildings and areas within buildings. The Contractor shall perform the work in accordance with the VA specifications, drawings, phasing plan and in compliance with any/all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and requirements.
- B. The Contractor shall use the existing facilities in the building strictly within the limits indicated in contract documents as well as the approved pre-abatement work plan. Asbestos abatement drawings of partially occupied buildings will show the limits of regulated areas; the placement of decontamination facilities; the temporary location of bagged waste ACM; the path of transport to outside the building; and the temporary waste storage area for each building/regulated area. Any variation from the arrangements shown on drawings shall be secured in writing from the VA representative through the pre-abatement plan of action.

1.2 VARIATIONS IN QUANTITY

The quantities and locations of ACM as indicated on the drawings and the extent of work included in this section are estimates which are limited by the physical constraints imposed by occupancy of the

buildings. Accordingly, minor variations (+/- 5%) in quantities of ACM within the regulated area are considered as having no impact on contract price and time requirements of this contract. Where additional work is required beyond the above variation, the Contractor shall provide unit prices for additional work that is newly discovered materials and those prices will be used for additional work under the contract.

1.3 STOP ASBESTOS REMOVAL

If the Contracting Officer or their field representative presents a written **Stop Asbestos Removal Order**, the Contractor/Personnel shall immediately stop all asbestos removal and adequately wet any exposed ACM. The Contractor shall not resume any asbestos removal activity until authorized to do so by the VA. A stop asbestos removal order may be issued at any time the VA determines abatement conditions/activities are not within specification requirements. Work stoppage will continue until conditions have been corrected to the satisfaction of the VA. Standby time and costs for corrective actions will be borne by the Contractor, including the industrial hygienist's time. The occurrence of any of the following events shall be reported immediately by the Contractor in writing to the VA representative and shall require the Contractor to immediately stop asbestos removal activities and initiate fiber reduction activities:

- A. equal to or greater than 0.01 f/cc outside a regulated area or greater than 0.05 f/cc inside a regulated area;
- B. breach/break in regulated area critical barrier(s)/floor;
- C. serious injury/death at the site;
- D. fire/safety emergency at the site;
- E. respiratory protection system failure;
- F. power failure loss of wetting agent; or
- G. any visible emissions observed outside the regulated area.

1.4 DEFINITIONS

1.4.1 GENERAL

Definitions and explanations here are neither complete nor exclusive of all terms used in the contract documents, but are general for the work to the extent they are not stated more explicitly in another element of the contract documents. Drawings must be recognized as diagrammatic in nature and not completely descriptive of the requirements indicated therein.

1.4.2 GLOSSARY

Abatement - Procedures to control fiber release from asbestos-containing materials, typically during removal. Includes removal, encapsulation, enclosure, demolition and renovation activities related to asbestos.

ACE - Asbestos contaminated elements.

ACM - Asbestos containing material.

Aerosol - Solid or liquid particulate suspended in air.

Adequately wet - Sufficiently mixed or penetrated with liquid to prevent the release of particulates. If visible emissions are observed coming from the ACM, then that material has not been adequately wetted.

Aggressive method - Removal or disturbance of building material by sanding, abrading, grinding, or other method that breaks, crumbles, or disintegrates intact ACM.

Aggressive sampling - EPA AHERA defined clearance sampling method using air moving equipment such as fans and leaf blowers to aggressively disturb and maintain in the air residual fibers after abatement.

AHERA - Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. Asbestos regulations for schools issued in 1987.

Aircell - Pipe or duct insulation made of corrugated cardboard which contains asbestos.

Air monitoring - The process of measuring the fiber content of a known volume of air collected over a specified period of time. The NIOSH 7400 Method, Issue 2 is used to determine the fiber levels in air.

Air sample filter - The filter used to collect fibers which are then counted. The filter is made of mixed cellulose ester membrane for PCM (Phase Contrast Microscopy) and polycarbonate for TEM (Transmission Electron Microscopy)

Amended water - Water to which a surfactant (wetting agent) has been added to increase the penetrating ability of the liquid.

Asbestos - Includes chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite asbestos, anthophyllite asbestos, actinolite asbestos, and any of these minerals that have been chemically treated or altered. Asbestos also includes PACM, as defined below.

Asbestos-containing material (ACM) - Any material containing more than one percent asbestos.

Asbestos contaminated elements (ACE) - Building elements such as ceilings, walls, lights, or ductwork that are contaminated with asbestos.

Asbestos-containing waste material - Asbestos-containing material or asbestos contaminated objects requiring disposal.

Asbestos waste decontamination facility - A system consisting of drum/bag washing facilities and a temporary storage area for cleaned containers of asbestos waste. Used as the exit for waste and equipment leaving the regulated area. In an emergency, it may be used to evacuate personnel.

Authorized person - Any person authorized by the VA, the Contractor, or government agency and required by work duties to be present in regulated areas.

Authorized visitor - Any person approved by the VA; the contractor; or any government agency having jurisdiction over the regulated area.

Barrier - Any surface that isolates the regulated area and inhibits fiber migration from the regulated area.

Containment Barrier - An airtight barrier consisting of walls, floors, and/or ceilings of sealed plastic sheeting which surrounds and seals the outer perimeter of the regulated area.

Critical Barrier - The barrier responsible for isolating the regulated area from adjacent spaces, typically constructed of plastic sheeting secured in place at openings such as doors, windows, or any other opening into the regulated area.

Primary Barrier - Barriers placed over critical barriers and exposed directly to abatement work.

Secondary Barrier - Any additional sheeting used to isolate and provide protection from debris during abatement work.

Breathing zone - The hemisphere forward of the shoulders with a radius of about 150 - 225 mm (6 - 9 inches) from the worker's nose.

Bridging encapsulant - An encapsulant that forms a layer on the surface of the ACM.

Building/facility owner - The legal entity, including a lessee, which exercises control over management and recordkeeping functions relating to a building and/or facility in which asbestos activities take place.

Bulk testing - The collection and analysis of suspect asbestos containing materials.

Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) - One certified in practice of industrial hygiene by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene. An industrial hygienist Certified in Comprehensive Practice by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

Class I asbestos work - Activities involving the removal of Thermal System Insulation (TSI) and surfacing ACM and Presumed Asbestos Containing Material (PACM).

Class II asbestos work - Activities involving the removal of ACM which is not thermal system insulation or surfacing material. This includes, but is not limited to, the removal of asbestos-containing wallboard, floor tile and sheeting, roofing and siding shingles, and construction mastic.

Clean room/Changing room - An uncontaminated room having facilities for the storage of employee's street clothing and uncontaminated materials and equipment.

Clearance sample - The final air sample taken after all asbestos work has been done and visually inspected.

Performed by the VA's industrial hygiene consultant (VPIH).

Closely resemble - The major workplace conditions which have contributed to the levels of historic asbestos exposure, are no more protective than conditions of the current workplace.

Competent person - In addition to the definition in 29 CFR 1926.32(f), one who is capable of identifying existing asbestos hazards in the workplace and selecting the appropriate control strategy for asbestos exposure, who has the authority to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them, as specified in 29 CFR 1926.32(f); in addition, for Class I and II work who is specially trained in a training course which meets the criteria of EPA's Model Accreditation Plan (40 CFR 763) for supervisor.

Contractor's Professional Industrial Hygienist (CPIH) - The Contractor's industrial hygienist. The industrial hygienist must meet the qualification requirements of the PIH.

Count - Refers to the fiber count or the average number of fibers greater than five microns in length per cubic centimeter of air.

Decontamination area/unit - An enclosed area adjacent to and connected to the regulated area and consisting of an equipment room, shower room, and clean room, which is used for the decontamination of workers, materials, and equipment that are contaminated with asbestos.

Demolition - The wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member and any related razing, removing, or stripping of asbestos products.

Disposal bag - Typically 6 mil thick siftproof, dustproof, leaktight container used to package and transport asbestos waste from regulated areas to the approved landfill. Each bag/container must be labeled/marked in accordance with EPA, OSHA and DOT requirements.

Disturbance - Activities that disrupt the matrix of ACM or PACM, crumble or pulverize ACM or PACM, or generate visible debris from ACM or PACM. Disturbance includes cutting away small amounts of ACM or PACM, no greater than the amount that can be contained in one standard sized glove bag or waste bag in order to access a building component. In no event shall the amount of ACM or PACM so disturbed exceed that which can be contained in one glove bag or disposal bag which shall not exceed 60 inches in length or width.

Drum - A rigid, impermeable container made of cardboard fiber, plastic, or metal which can be sealed in order to be siftproof, dustproof, and leaktight.

Employee exposure - The exposure to airborne asbestos that would occur if the employee were not wearing respiratory protection equipment.

Encapsulant - A material that surrounds or embeds asbestos fibers in an adhesive matrix and prevents the release of fibers.

Encapsulation - Treating ACM with an encapsulant.

Enclosure - The construction of an air tight, impermeable, permanent barrier around ACM to control the release of asbestos fibers from the material and also eliminate access to the material.

Equipment room - A contaminated room located within the decontamination area that is supplied with impermeable bags or containers for the disposal of contaminated protective clothing and equipment.

Fiber - A particulate form of asbestos, 5 microns or longer, with a length to width ratio of at least 3 to 1.

Fibers per cubic centimeter (f/cc) - Abbreviation for fibers per cubic centimeter, used to describe the level of asbestos fibers in air.

Filter - Media used in respirators, vacuums, or other machines to remove particulate from air.

Firestopping - Material used to close the open parts of a structure in order to prevent a fire from spreading.

Friable asbestos containing material - Any material containing more than 1 percent asbestos as determined using the method specified in Appendix A, Subpart F, 40 CFR 763, Section 1, Polarized Light Microscopy, that,

when dry, can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure.

Glovebag - Not more than a 60 x 60 inch impervious plastic bag-like enclosure affixed around an asbestos-containing material, with glove-like appendages through which materials and tools may be handled.

High efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter - A filter capable of trapping and retaining at least 99.97 percent of all mono-dispersed particles of 0.3 microns or greater in diameter.

HEPA vacuum - Vacuum collection equipment equipped with a HEPA filter system capable of collecting and retaining asbestos fibers.

Homogeneous area - An area of surfacing, thermal system insulation or miscellaneous ACM that is uniform in color, texture and date of application.

HVAC - Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Industrial hygienist - A professional qualified by education, training, and experience to anticipate, recognize, evaluate and develop controls for occupational health hazards. Meets definition requirements of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA).

Industrial hygienist technician - A person working under the direction of an IH or CIH who has special training, experience, certifications and licenses required for the industrial hygiene work assigned.

Intact - The ACM has not crumbled, been pulverized, or otherwise deteriorated so that the asbestos is no longer likely to be bound with its matrix.

Lockdown - Applying encapsulant, after a final visual inspection, on all abated surfaces at the conclusion of ACM removal prior to removal of critical barriers.

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP's) - EPA's rule to control emissions of asbestos to the environment.

Negative initial exposure assessment - A demonstration by the employer which complies with the criteria in 29 CFR 1926.1101 (f)(2)(iii), that employee exposure during an operation is expected to be consistently below the PEL's.

Negative pressure - Air pressure which is lower than the surrounding area, created by exhausting air from a sealed regulated area through HEPA equipped filtration units. OSHA requires maintaining -0.02" water gauge inside the negative pressure enclosure.

Negative pressure respirator - A respirator in which the air pressure inside the facepiece is negative during inhalation relative to the air outside the respirator.

Non-friable ACM - Material that contains more than 1 percent asbestos but cannot be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure.

Organic vapor cartridge - The type of cartridge used on air purifying respirators for organic vapor exposures.

Outside air - The air outside buildings and structures, including, but not limited to, the air under a bridge or in an open ferry dock.

Owner/operator - Any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the demolition or renovation operation, or both.

Penetrating encapsulant - Encapsulant that is absorbed into the ACM matrix without leaving a surface layer.

Personal sampling/monitoring - Representative air samples obtained in the breathing zone of the person using a cassette and battery operated pump to determine asbestos exposure.

Permissible exposure limit (PEL) - The level of exposure OSHA allows for an 8 hour time weighted average. For asbestos fibers, the PEL is 0.1 fibers per cc.

Polarized light microscopy (PLM) - Light microscopy using dispersion staining techniques and refractive indices to identify and quantify the type(s) of asbestos present in a bulk sample.

Polyethylene sheeting - Strong plastic barrier material 4 to 6 mils thick, semi-transparent, sometimes flame retardant in compliance with NFPA 241.

Positive/negative fit check - A method of verifying the fit of a respirator by closing off the filters and breathing in or closing off the exhalation valve and breathing out while detecting leakage of the respirator.

Presumed ACM (PACM) - Thermal system insulation, surfacing, and flooring material installed in buildings prior to 1981. If the building owner has actual knowledge, or should have known through the exercise of due diligence that other materials are ACM, they too must be treated as PACM. The designation of PACM may be rebutted pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.1101 (k)(5).

Professional IH - An IH who meets the definition requirements of AIHA; meets the definition requirements of OSHA as a "Competent Person" at 29 CFR 1926.1101 (b); has completed two specialized EPA approved courses on management and supervision of asbestos abatement projects; has formal training in respiratory protection and waste disposal; and has a minimum of four projects of similar complexity with this project of which at least three projects serving as the supervisory IH.

Project designer - A person who has successfully completed the training requirements for an asbestos abatement project designer as required by 40 CFR 763 Appendix C, Part I; (B)(5).

Protection factor - A value assigned by OSHA/NIOSH to indicate the assigned protection a respirator should provide if worn properly. The number indicates the reduction of exposure level from outside to inside the respirator.

Qualitative fit test (QLFT) - A fit test using a challenge material that can be sensed by the wearer if leakage in the respirator occurs.

Quantitative fit test (QNFT) - A fit test using a challenge material which is quantified outside and inside the respirator thus allowing the determination of the actual fit factor.

Regulated area - An area established by the employer to demarcate where Class I, II, III asbestos work is conducted, and any adjoining area where debris and waste from such asbestos work may accumulate; and a work area within which airborne concentrations of asbestos exceed, or there is a reasonable possibility they may exceed the PEL.

Regulated ACM (RACM) - Friable ACM; Category I nonfriable ACM that has become friable; Category I nonfriable ACM that will be or has been subjected to sanding, grinding, cutting, or abrading or; Category II nonfriable ACM that has a high probability of becoming or has become crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by the forces expected to act on the material in the course of the demolition or renovation operation.

Removal - All operations where ACM, PACM and/or RACM is taken out or stripped from structures or substrates, including demolition operations.

Renovation - Altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way, including the stripping or removal of asbestos from a facility component which does not involve demolition activity.

Repair - Overhauling, rebuilding, reconstructing, or reconditioning of structures or substrates, including encapsulation or other repair of ACM or PACM attached to structures or substrates.

Shower room - The portion of the PDF where personnel shower before leaving the regulated area. Also used for bag/drum decontamination in the EDF.

Standard operating procedures (SOP's) - Asbestos work procedures required to be submitted by the contractor before work begins.

Supplied air respirator (SAR) - A respirator that utilizes an air supply separate from the air in the regulated area.

Surfacing ACM - A material containing more than 1 percent asbestos that is sprayed, troweled on or otherwise applied to surfaces for acoustical, fireproofing and other purposes.

Surfactant - A chemical added to water to decrease water's surface tension thus making it more penetrating into ACM.

Thermal system ACM - A material containing more than 1 percent asbestos applied to pipes, fittings, boilers, breeching, tanks, ducts, or other structural components to prevent heat loss or gain.

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) - A microscopy method that can identify and count asbestos fibers.

VA Industrial Hygienist (VPIH/CIH) - Department of Veterans Affairs Professional Industrial Hygienist.

VA Representative - The VA official responsible for on-going project work.

Visible emissions - Any emissions, which are visually detectable without the aid of instruments, coming from ACM/PACM/RACM or ACM waste material.

Waste/Equipment decontamination area (W/EDA) - The area in which waste is packaged and equipment is decontaminated before removal from the regulated area.

Waste generator - Any owner or operator whose act or process produces asbestos-containing waste material.

Waste shipment record - The shipping document, required to be originated and signed by the waste generator, used to track and substantiate the disposition of asbestos-containing waste material.

Wet cleaning - The process of thoroughly eliminating, by wet methods, any asbestos contamination from surfaces or objects.

1.4.3 REFERENCED STANDARDS ORGANIZATIONS

The following acronyms or abbreviations as referenced in contract/specification documents are defined to mean the associated names. Names and addresses may be subject to change.

- A. VA Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420
- B. AIHA American Industrial Hygiene Association
2700 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 250
Fairfax, VA 22031
703-849-8888
- C. ANSI American National Standards Institute
1430 Broadway
New York, NY 10018
212-354-3300
- D. ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials
1916 Race St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215-299-5400
- E. CFR Code of Federal Regulations
Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20420
- F. CGA Compressed Gas Association
1235 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202
703-979-0900
- G. CS Commercial Standard of the National Institute of Standards and
Technology (NIST)
U. S. Department of Commerce
Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20420
- H. EPA Environmental Protection Agency
401 M St., SW
Washington, DC 20460
202-382-3949
- I. MIL-STD Military Standards/Standardization Division
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington, DC 20420
- J. MSHA Mine Safety and Health Administration
Respiratory Protection Division
Ballston Tower #3
Department of Labor

Arlington, VA 22203

703-235-1452

K. NIST National Institute for Standards and Technology

U. S. Department of Commerce

Gaithersburg, MD 20234

301-921-1000

L. NEC National Electrical Code (by NFPA)

M. NEMA National Electrical Manufacturer's Association

2101 L Street, NW

Washington, DC 20037

N. NFPA National Fire Protection Association

1 Batterymarch Park

P.O. Box 9101

Quincy, MA 02269-9101

800-344-3555

O. NIOSH National Institutes for Occupational Safety and Health

4676 Columbia Parkway

Cincinnati, OH 45226

513-533-8236

P. OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

U.S. Department of Labor

Government Printing Office

Washington, DC 20402

Q. UL Underwriters Laboratory

333 Pfingsten Rd.

Northbrook, IL 60062

312-272-8800

R. USA United States Army

Army Chemical Corps

Department of Defense

Washington, DC 20420

1.5 APPLICABLE CODES AND REGULATIONS

1.5.1 GENERAL APPLICABILITY OF CODES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS

A. All work under this contract shall be done in strict accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations, standards and codes governing asbestos abatement, and any other trade work done in conjunction with the abatement. All applicable codes, regulations and

standards are adopted into this specification and will have the same force and effect as this specification.

- B. The most recent edition of any relevant regulation, standard, document or code shall be in effect. Where conflict among the requirements or with these specifications exists, the most stringent requirement(s) shall be utilized.
- C. Copies of all standards, regulations, codes and other applicable documents, including this specification and those listed in Section 1.5 shall be available at the worksite in the clean change area of the worker decontamination system.

1.5.2 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability for compliance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations related to any and all aspects of the abatement project. The Contractor is responsible for providing and maintaining training, accreditations, medical exams, medical records, personal protective equipment as required by applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. The contractor shall hold the VA and VPIH/CIH consultants harmless for any failure to comply with any applicable work, packaging, transporting, disposal, safety, health, or environmental requirement on the part of himself, his employees, or his subcontractors. The contractor will incur all costs of the CPIH, including all sampling/analytical costs to assure compliance with OSHA/EPA/State requirements.

1.5.3 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Federal requirements which govern some aspect of asbestos abatement include, but are not limited to, the following regulations.

- A. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
 - 1. Title 29 CFR 1926.1101 - Construction Standard for Asbestos
 - 2. Title 29 CFR 1910.132 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - 3. Title 29 CFR 1910.134 - Respiratory Protection
 - 4. Title 29 CFR 1926 - Construction Industry Standards
 - 5. Title 29 CFR 1910.20 - Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records
 - 6. Title 29 CFR 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication
 - 7. Title 29 CFR 1910.151 - Medical and First Aid
- B. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - 1. 40 CFR 61 Subpart A and M (Revised Subpart B) - National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants - Asbestos.

2. 40 CFR 763.80 - Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

C. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Title 49 CFR 100 - 185 - Transportation

1.5.4 STATE REQUIREMENTS

State requirements that apply to the asbestos abatement work, disposal, clearance, etc., include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. State of Rhode Island Department of Health

1. R23-24.5-ASB - Rules and Regulations for Asbestos Control

1.5.5 LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

If local requirements are more stringent than federal or state standards, the local standards are to be followed.

1.5.6 STANDARDS

A. Standards which govern asbestos abatement activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z9.2-79 - Fundamentals Governing the Design and Operation of Local Exhaust Systems Z88.2 - Practices for Respiratory Protection.

2. Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 586-90 - UL Standard for Safety of HEPA filter Units, 7th Edition.

B. Standards which govern encapsulation work include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

C. Standards which govern the fire and safety concerns in abatement work include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 241 - Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations.

2. NFPA 701 - Standard Methods for Fire Tests for Flame Resistant Textiles and Film.

3. NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code

1.5.7 EPA GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

A. EPA guidance documents which discuss asbestos abatement work activities are listed below. These documents are made part of this section by reference. EPA publications can be ordered from (800) 424-9065.

B. Guidance for Controlling ACM in Buildings (Purple Book) EPA 560/5-85-024

C. Asbestos Waste Management Guidance EPA 530-SW-85-007

D. A Guide to Respiratory Protection for the Asbestos Abatement Industry EPA-560-OPTS-86-001

E. Guide to Managing Asbestos in Place (Green Book) TS 799 20T July 1990

1.5.8 NOTICES

- A. State and Local agencies: Send written notification as required by state and local regulations including the local fire department prior to beginning any work on ACM as follows:
- B. Copies of notifications shall be submitted to the VA for the facility's records in the same time frame notification is given to EPA, State, and Local authorities.

1.5.9 PERMITS/LICENSES

- A. The contractor shall apply for and have all required permits and licenses to perform asbestos abatement work as required by Federal, State, and Local regulations.

1.5.10 POSTING AND FILING OF REGULATIONS

- A. Maintain two (2) copies of applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Post one copy of each at the regulated area where workers will have daily access to the regulations and keep another copy in the Contractor's office.

1.5.11 VA RESPONSIBILITIES

Prior to commencement of work:

- A. Notify occupants adjacent to regulated areas of project dates and requirements for relocation, if needed. Arrangements must be made prior to starting work for relocation of desks, files, equipment and personal possessions to avoid unauthorized access into the regulated area. **Note: Notification of adjacent personnel is required by OSHA in 29 CFR 1926.1101 (k) to prevent unnecessary or unauthorized access to the regulated area.**
- B. Submit to the Contractor results of background air sampling; including location of samples, person who collected the samples, equipment utilized and method of analysis. During abatement, submit to the Contractor, results of bulk material analysis and air sampling data collected during the course of the abatement. This information shall not release the Contractor from any responsibility for OSHA compliance.
- C. During abatement, submit to the Contractor, results of bulk material analysis and air sampling data collected during the course of the abatement. This information shall not release the Contractor from any responsibility for OSHA compliance.

1.5.12 SITE SECURITY

- A. Regulated area access is to be restricted only to authorized, trained/accredited and protected personnel. These may include the Contractor's employees, employees of Subcontractors, VA employees and representatives, State and local inspectors, and any other designated individuals. A list of authorized personnel shall be established prior to commencing the project and be posted in the clean room of the decontamination unit.
- B. Entry into the regulated area by unauthorized individuals shall be reported immediately to the Competent Person by anyone observing the entry. The Competent person shall immediately notify the VA.
- C. A log book shall be maintained in the clean room of the decontamination unit. Anyone who enters the regulated area must record their name, affiliation, time in, and time out for each entry.
- D. Access to the regulated area shall be through of a critical barrier doorway. All other access (doors, windows, hallways, etc.) shall be sealed or locked to prevent entry to or exit from the regulated area. The only exceptions for this requirement are the waste/equipment load-out area which shall be sealed except during the removal of containerized asbestos waste from the regulated area, and emergency exits. Emergency exits shall not be locked from the inside, however, they shall be sealed with poly sheeting and taped until needed.
- E. The Contractor's Competent Person shall control site security during abatement operations in order to isolate work in progress and protect adjacent personnel. A 24 hour security system shall be provided at the entrance to the regulated area to assure that all entrants are logged in/out and that only authorized personnel are allowed entrance.
- F. The Contractor will have the VA's assistance in notifying adjacent personnel of the presence, location and quantity of ACM in the regulated area and enforcement of restricted access by the VA's employees.
- G. The regulated area shall be locked during non-working hours and secured by VA security guards.

1.5.13 EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN AND ARRANGEMENTS

- A. An Emergency Action Plan shall be developed by the Contractor prior to commencing abatement activities and shall be agreed to by the Contractor and the VA. The Plan shall meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.38 (a);(b).

- B. Emergency procedures shall be in written form and prominently posted and available in the regulated area. Everyone, prior to entering the regulated area, must read and sign these procedures to acknowledge understanding of the regulated area layout, location of emergency exits and emergency procedures.
- C. Emergency planning shall include written notification of police, fire, and emergency medical personnel of planned abatement activities; work schedule and layout of regulated area, particularly barriers that may affect response capabilities.
- D. Emergency planning shall include consideration of fire, explosion, hazardous atmospheres, electrical hazards, slips/trips and falls, confined spaces, and heat stress illness. Written procedures for response to emergency situations shall be developed and employee training in procedures shall be provided.
- E. Employees shall be trained in regulated area/site evacuation procedures in the event of workplace emergencies.
 - 1. For non life-threatening situations - employees injured or otherwise incapacitated shall decontaminate following normal procedures with assistance from fellow workers, if necessary, before exiting the regulated area to obtain proper medical treatment.
 - 2. For life-threatening injury or illness, worker decontamination shall take least priority after measures to stabilize the injured worker, remove them from the regulated area, and secure proper medical treatment.
- F. Telephone numbers of all emergency response personnel shall be prominently posted in the clean room, along with the location of the nearest telephone.
- G. The Contractor shall provide verification of first aid/CPR training for personnel responsible for providing first aid/CPR. OSHA requires medical assistance within 3 minutes of a life-threatening injury/illness. Blood borne Pathogen training shall also be verified for those personnel required to provide first aid/CPR.
- H. The Emergency Action Plan shall provide for a Contingency Plan in the event that an incident occurs that may require the modification of the standard operating procedures during abatement. Such incidents include, but are not limited to, fire; accident; and power failure. The Contractor shall detail procedures to be followed in the event of an

incident assuring that work is stopped and wetting is continued until correction of the problem.

1.5.14 PRE-START MEETING

Prior to commencing the work, the Contractor shall meet with the VPCIH to present and review, as appropriate, the items following this paragraph. The Contractor's Competent Person(s) who will be on-site shall participate in the pre-start meeting. The pre-start meeting is to discuss and determine procedures to be used during the project. At this meeting, the Contractor shall provide:

- A. Proof of Contractor licensing.
- B. Proof the Competent Person is trained and accredited and approved for working in this State. Verification of the experience of the Competent Person shall also be presented.
- C. A list of all workers who will participate in the project, including experience and verification of training and accreditation.
- D. A list of and verification of training for all personnel who have current first-aid/CPR training. A minimum of one person per shift must have adequate training.
- E. Current medical written opinions for all personnel working on-site meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.1101 (m).
- F. Current fit-tests for all personnel wearing respirators on-site meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.1101 (h) and Appendix C.
- G. A copy of the Contractor's Standard Operating Procedures for Class I Glovebag Asbestos Abatement. In these procedures, the following information must be detailed, specific for this project.
 - 1. Regulated area preparation procedures;
 - 2. Notification requirements procedure of Contractor as required in 29 CFR 1926.1101 (d);
 - 3. and Decontamination procedures for employees;
 - 4. Class II abatement methods/procedures and equipment to be used;
 - 5. Personal protective equipment to be used;
- H. At this meeting the Contractor shall provide all submittals as required.
- I. Procedures for handling, packaging and disposal of asbestos waste.
- J. Emergency Action Plan and Contingency Plan procedures.

1.6 PROJECT COORDINATION

The following are the minimum administrative and supervisory personnel necessary for coordination of the work.

1.6.1 PERSONNEL

- A. Administrative and supervisory personnel shall consist of a qualified Competent Person as defined by OSHA in the Construction Standards and the Asbestos Construction Standard; Contractor Professional Industrial Hygienist and Industrial Hygiene Technicians. These employees are the Contractor's representatives responsible for compliance with these specifications and all other applicable requirements.
- B. Non-supervisory personnel shall consist of an adequate number of qualified personnel to meet the schedule requirements of the project. Personnel shall meet required qualifications. Personnel utilized on-site shall be pre-approved by the VA representative. A request for approval shall be submitted for any person to be employed during the project giving the person's name; social security number; qualifications; accreditation card with picture; Certificate of Worker's Acknowledgment; and Affidavit of Medical Surveillance and Respiratory Protection and current Respirator Fit Test.
- C. Minimum qualifications for Contractor and assigned personnel are:
 - 1. The Contractor has conducted within the last three (3) years, three (3) projects of similar complexity and dollar value as this project; has not been cited and penalized for serious violations of asbestos regulations in the past three (3) years; has adequate liability/occurrence insurance for asbestos work; is licensed in applicable states; has adequate and qualified personnel available to complete the work; has comprehensive standard operating procedures for asbestos work; has adequate materials, equipment and supplies to perform the work.
 - 2. The Competent Person has four (4) years of abatement experience of which two (2) years were as the Competent Person on the project; meets the OSHA definition of a Competent Person; has been the Competent Person on two (2) projects of similar size and complexity as this project; has completed EPA AHERA/OSHA/State/Local training requirements/accreditation(s) and refreshers; and has all required OSHA documentation related to medical and respiratory protection.
 - 3. The Contractor Professional Industrial Hygienist (CPIH) shall have five (5) years of monitoring experience and supervision of asbestos abatement projects; has participated as senior IH on five (5) abatement projects, three (3) of which are similar in size and complexity as this project; has developed at least one complete

- standard operating procedure for asbestos abatement; has trained abatement personnel for three (3) years; has specialized EPA AHERA/OSHA training in asbestos abatement management, respiratory protection, waste disposal and asbestos inspection; has completed the NIOSH 582 Course, Contractor/Supervisor course; and has appropriate medical/respiratory protection records/documentation.
4. The Abatement Personnel shall have completed the EPA AHERA/OSHA abatement worker course; have training on the standard operating procedures of the Contractor; has one year of asbestos abatement experience; has applicable medical and respiratory protection documentation; has certificate of training/current refresher and State accreditation/license.

1.7 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

1.7.1 GENERAL - RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Contractor shall develop and implement a Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) which is in compliance with the January 8, 1998 OSHA requirements found at 29 CFR 1926.1101 and 29 CFR 1910.132;134. ANSI Standard Z88.2-1992 provides excellent guidance for developing a respiratory protection program. All respirators used must be NIOSH approved for asbestos abatement activities. The written respiratory protection shall, at a minimum, contain the basic requirements found at 29 CFR 1910.134 (c)(1)(i - ix) - Respiratory Protection Program.

1.7.2 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Respiratory Protection Program Coordinator (RPPC) must be identified and shall have two (2) years experience coordinating the program. The RPPC must provide a signed statement attesting to the fact that the program meets the above requirements.

1.7.3 SELECTION AND USE OF RESPIRATORS

The procedure for the selection and use of respirators must be submitted to the VA as part of the Contractor's qualification. The procedure must be written clearly enough for workers to understand. A copy of the Respiratory Protection Program must be available in the clean room of the decontamination unit for reference by employees or authorized visitors.

1.7.4 MINIMUM RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

Minimum respiratory protection shall be a half face, HEPA filtered, air purifying respirator when fiber levels are maintained consistently at or below 0.1 f/cc. A higher level of respiratory protection may be

provided or required, depending on fiber levels. Respirator selection shall meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.1101 (h); Table 1, except as indicated in this paragraph. Abatement personnel must have a respirator for their exclusive use.

1.7.5 MEDICAL WRITTEN OPINION

No employee shall be allowed to wear a respirator unless a physician has determined they are capable of doing so and has issued a current written opinion for that person.

1.7.6 RESPIRATOR FIT TEST

All personnel wearing respirators shall have a current qualitative/quantitative fit test which was conducted in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134 (f) and Appendix A. Fit tests shall be done for PAPR's which have been put into a failure mode.

1.7.7 RESPIRATOR FIT CHECK

The Competent Person shall assure that the positive/negative fit check is done each time the respirator is donned by an employee. Headcoverings must cover respirator headstraps. Any situation that prevents an effective facepiece to face seal as evidenced by failure of a fit check shall preclude that person from wearing a respirator until resolution of the problem.

1.7.8 MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF RESPIRATORS

The Respiratory Protection Program Coordinator shall submit evidence and documentation showing compliance with 29 CFR 1910.134 (h) Maintenance and care of respirators.

1.8 WORKER PROTECTION

1.8.1 TRAINING OF ABATEMENT PERSONNEL

Prior to beginning any abatement activity, all personnel shall be trained in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1101 (k)(9) and any additional State/Local requirements. Training must include, at a minimum, the elements listed at 29 CFR 1926.1101 (k)(9)(viii). Training shall have been conducted by a third party, EPA/State approved trainer meeting the requirements of EPA 40 CFR 763 Appendix C (AHERA MAP). Initial training certificates and current refresher and accreditation proof must be submitted for each person working at the site.

1.8.2 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Medical examinations meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.1101 (m) shall be provided for all personnel working in the regulated area, regardless of exposure levels. The physician's written opinion as

required by 29 CFR 1926.1101 (m)(4) shall be provided for each person and shall include in the opinion the person has been evaluated for working in a heat stress environment while wearing personal protective equipment and is able to perform the work.

1.8.3 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Provide whole body clothing, head coverings, foot coverings and any other personal protective equipment as determined by conducting the hazard assessment required by OSHA at 29 CFR 1910.132 (d). The Competent Person shall ensure the integrity of personal protective equipment worn for the duration of the project. Duct tape shall be used to secure all suit sleeves to wrists and to secure foot coverings at the ankle.

1.8.4 REGULATED AREA ENTRY PROCEDURE

Worker protection shall meet the most stringent requirements. The Competent Person shall ensure that each time workers enter the regulated area, they remove ALL street clothes in the clean room of the decontamination unit and put on new disposable coveralls, head coverings, a clean respirator, and then proceed through the shower room to the equipment room where they put on non-disposable required personal protective equipment.

1.8.5 DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURE

The Competent Person shall require all personnel to adhere to following decontamination procedures whenever they leave the regulated area.

- A. When exiting the regulated area, remove all disposable PPE and dispose of in a disposal bag provided in the regulated area.
- B. Carefully decontaminate and clean the respirator. Put in a clean container/bag.

1.8.6 REGULATED AREA REQUIREMENTS

The Competent Person shall meet all requirements of 29 CFR 1926.1101 (o) and assure that all requirements for Class I glovebag regulated areas at 29 CFR 1926.1101 (e) are met applicable to Class II work. All personnel in the regulated area shall not be allowed to eat, drink, smoke, chew tobacco or gum, apply cosmetics, or in any way interfere with the fit of their respirator.

1.9 DECONTAMINATION FACILITIES

1.9.1 DESCRIPTION

Provide each regulated area with separate personnel decontamination facility (PDF) and waste/equipment decontamination facilities (W/EDF).

Ensure that the PDF is the only means of ingress and egress to the regulated area and that all equipment, bagged waste, and other material exit the regulated area only through the W/EDF. For exterior Class II work, the Competent Person shall provide a waste/equipment decontamination area (W/EDA) for removal of all waste, equipment and contaminated material from the regulated area.

1.9.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All personnel entering or exiting a regulated area shall follow the requirements at 29 CFR 1926.1101 (j)(1) and these specifications. All equipment and materials must exit the regulated area through the W/EDF and be decontaminated in accordance with these specifications. Walls and ceilings of the PDF and W/EDF must be constructed of a minimum of 3 layers of 6 mil opaque fire retardant polyethylene sheeting and be securely attached to existing building components and/or an adequate temporary framework. A minimum of 3 layers of 6 mil poly shall also be used to cover the floor under the PDF and W/EDF units. Construct doors so that they overlap and secure to adjacent surfaces. Weigh sheets with layers of duct tape so that they close quickly after release. Put arrows on sheets so they show direction of travel and overlap. If the building adjacent area is occupied, construct a solid barrier on the occupied side(s) to protect the sheeting.

1.9.3 TEMPORARY FACILITIES TO THE PDF AND W/EDF

The Competent Person shall provide temporary water service connections to the PDF and W/EDF. Backflow prevention must be provided at the point of connection to the VA system. Water supply must be of adequate pressure and meet requirements of 29 CFR 1910.141(d)(3). Provide adequate temporary electric power with ground fault protection and overhead wiring in the PDF and W/EDF. Provide a sub-panel for all temporary power in the clean room. Provide adequate lighting to provide a minimum of 50 foot candles in the PDF and W/EDF. Provide temporary heat to maintain 70°F throughout the PDF and W/EDF.

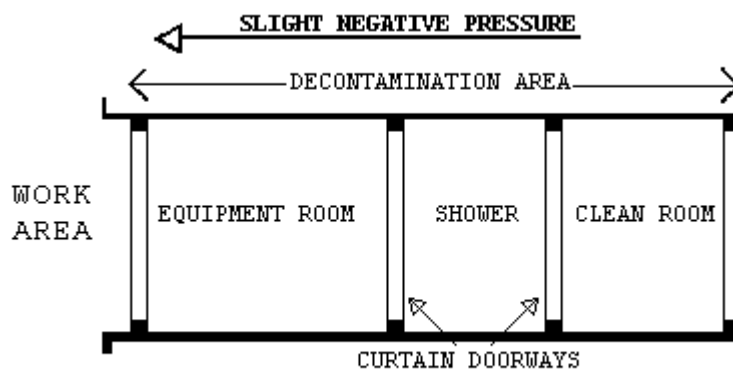
1.9.4 PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATION FACILITY (PDF)

The Competent Person shall provide a PDF consisting of shower room which is contiguous to a clean room and equipment room. The PDF must be sized to accommodate the number of personnel scheduled for the project. The shower room, located in the center of the PDF, shall be fitted with as many portable showers as necessary to insure all employees can complete the entire decontamination procedure within 15 minutes. The

PDF shall be constructed of opaque poly for privacy. The PDF shall be constructed to eliminate any parallel routes of egress without showering.

1. Clean Room: The clean room must be physically and visually separated from the rest of the building to protect the privacy of personnel changing clothes. The clean room shall be constructed of at least 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly to provide an air tight room. Provide a minimum of 2 - 900 mm (3 foot) wide flapped doorways. One doorway shall be the entry from outside the PDF and the second doorway shall be to the shower room of the PDF. The floor of the clean room shall be maintained in a clean, dry condition. Shower overflow shall not be allowed into the clean room. An adequate supply of disposable towels shall be provided. Provide storage lockers per person. A portable fire extinguisher, Type ABC, shall be provided in accordance with OSHA and NFPA Standard 10. All persons entering the regulated area shall remove all street clothing in the clean room and dress in disposable protective clothing and respiratory protection. Any person entering the clean room does so either from the outside with street clothing on or is coming from the shower room completely naked and thoroughly washed. Females required to enter the regulated area shall be ensured of their privacy throughout the entry/exit process by posting guards at both entry points to the PDF so no male can enter or exit the PDF during her stay in the PDF.
2. Shower Room: The Competent Person shall assure that the shower room is a completely water tight compartment to be used for the movement of all personnel from the clean room to the equipment room and for the showering of all personnel going from the regulated area to the clean room. Each shower shall be constructed so water runs down the walls of the shower and into a drip pan. Install a freely draining smooth floor on top of the shower pan. The shower room shall be separated from the rest of the building and from the clean room and equipment room using air tight walls made from at least 3 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly. The shower shall be equipped with a shower head and controls, hot and cold water, drainage, soap dish and continuous supply of soap, and shall be maintained in a sanitary condition throughout its use. The controls shall be arranged so an

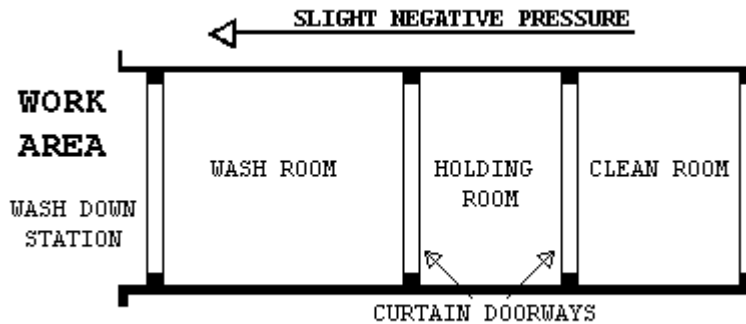
- individual can shower without assistance. Provide a flexible hose shower head, hose bibs and all other items shown on Shower Schematic. Waste water will be pumped to a drain after being filtered through a minimum of a 100 micron sock in the shower drain; a 20 micron filter; and a final 5 micron filter. Filters will be changed a minimum of daily or more often as needed. Filter changes must be done in the shower to prevent loss of contaminated water. Hose down all shower surfaces after each shift and clean any debris from the shower pan. Residue is to be disposed of as asbestos waste.
3. Equipment Room: The Competent Person shall provide an equipment room which shall be an air tight compartment for the storage of work equipment, reusable footwear and for use as a change station for personnel exiting the regulated area. The equipment room shall be separated from the regulated area by a minimum 3 foot wide door made of 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly. The equipment room shall be separated from the regulated area, the shower room and the rest of the building by air tight walls and ceiling constructed of a minimum of 3 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly. Damp wipe all surfaces of the equipment room after each shift change. Provide an additional loose layer of 6 mil fire retardant poly per shift change and remove this layer after each shift. Provide a temporary electrical sub-panel equipped with GFCI in this room to accommodate any equipment required in the regulated area.
4. The PDF shall consist of the following: Clean room at the entrance followed by a shower room followed by an equipment room leading to the regulated area. Each doorway in the PDF is minimum of 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly.



1.9.5 WASTE/EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION FACILITY (W/EDF)

The Competent Person shall provide a W/EDF consisting of a wash room, holding room, and clean room for removal of all waste, equipment and contaminated material from the regulated area. Personnel shall not enter or exit the W/EDF except in the event of an emergency. Clean debris and residue in the W/EDF daily. All surfaces in the W/EDF shall be wiped/hosed down after each shift and all debris shall be cleaned from the shower pan. The W/EDF shall consist of the following:

1. Wash Down Station: Provide an enclosed shower unit in the regulated area just outside the Wash Room as an equipment, bag and container cleaning station.
2. Wash Room: Provide a wash room for cleaning of bagged or containerized asbestos containing waste materials passed from the regulated area. Construct the wash room using 50 x 100 mm (2" x 4") wood framing and 3 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly. Locate the wash room so that packaged materials, after being wiped clean, can be passed to the Holding Room. Doorways in the wash room shall be constructed of 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly.
3. Holding Room: Provide a holding room as a drop location for bagged materials passed from the wash room. Construct the holding room using 50 x 100 mm (2" x 4") wood framing and 3 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly. The holding room shall be located so that bagged material cannot be passed from the wash room to the clean room unless it goes through the holding room. Doorways in the holding room shall be constructed of 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly.
4. Clean Room: Provide a clean room to isolate the holding room from the building exterior. Construct the clean room using 2 x 4 wood framing and 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly. The clean room shall be located so as to provide access to the holding room from the building exterior. Doorways to the clean room shall be constructed of two layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly.
5. The W/EDF shall be provided as follows: Wash Room leading to a Holding Room followed by a Clean Room leading to outside the regulated area. See diagram.



1.9.6 WASTE/EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES

At washdown station in the regulated area, thoroughly wet clean contaminated equipment and/or sealed polyethylene bags and pass into Wash Room after visual inspection. When passing anything into the Wash Room, close all doorways of the W/EDF, other than the doorway between the washdown station and the Wash Room. Keep all outside personnel clear of the W/EDF. Once inside the Wash Room, wet clean the equipment and/or bags. After cleaning and inspection, pass items into the Holding Room. Close all doorways except the doorway between the Holding Room and the Clean Room. Workers from the Clean Room/Exterior shall enter the Holding Room and remove the decontaminated/cleaned equipment/bags for removal and disposal. These personnel will not be required to wear PPE. At no time shall personnel from the clean side be allowed to enter the Wash Room.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

2.1 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

2.1.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (ALL ABATEMENT PROJECTS)

Prior to the start of work, the Contractor shall provide and maintain a sufficient quantity of materials and equipment to assure continuous and efficient work throughout the duration of the project. Work shall not start unless the following items have been delivered to the site and the CPIH has submitted verification to the VA's representative to this effect:

- A. All materials shall be delivered in their original package, container or bundle bearing the name of the manufacturer and the brand name (where applicable).

- B. Store all materials subject to damage off the ground, away from wet or damp surfaces and under cover sufficient enough to prevent damage or contamination. Flammable materials cannot be stored inside buildings. Replacement materials shall be stored outside of the regulated/work area until abatement is completed.
- C. The Contractor shall not block or hinder use of buildings by patients, staff, and visitors to the VA in partially occupied buildings by placing materials/equipment in any unauthorized place.
- D. The Competent Person shall inspect for damaged, deteriorating or previously used materials. Such materials shall not be used and shall be removed from the worksite and disposed of properly.
- D. Poly sheeting for critical barriers/floors in the regulated area shall be 6 mil.
- F. If required, the method of attaching polyethylene sheeting shall be agreed upon in advance by the Contractor and the VA and selected to minimize damage to equipment and surfaces.
- G. An adequate number of infra-red heating units, HEPA vacuums, scrapers, sprayers, nylon brushes, brooms, disposable mops, rags, sponges, staple guns, shovels, ladders and scaffolding of suitable height and length as well as meeting OSHA requirements shall be provided. Fall protection devices, water hose to reach all areas in the regulated area, airless spray equipment, and any other tools, materials or equipment required to conduct the abatement project shall also be provided. All electrically operated hand tools, equipment, electric cords shall be equipped with GFCI protection.
- H. Special protection for objects in the regulated area shall be detailed. (e.g., plywood over carpeting or hardwood floors to prevent damage from scaffolds, water, and falling material.)
- I. Impermeable fiberboard drums and disposal bags 2 layers of 6 mil, for asbestos waste shall be pre-printed with labels, markings and address as required by OSHA, EPA and DOT regulations.
- J. The VA shall be provided a copy of the MSDS as required for all hazardous chemicals under OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication. Chlorinated compounds shall not be used with any spray adhesive or other product. Appropriate encapsulant(s) shall be provided.
- K. OSHA DANGER demarcation signs, as many and as required by OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1101(k)(7) shall be provided and placed by the Competent Person.

All other posters and notices required by Federal and State regulations shall be posted in the Clean Room.

- L. Adequate and appropriate PPE for the project and number of personnel/shifts shall be provided. All personal protective equipment issued must be based on a hazard assessment conducted under 29 CFR 1910.132(d).

2.2 CONTAINMENT BARRIERS AND COVERINGS IN THE REGULATED AREA

2.2.1 GENERAL

- A. Using critical barriers, seal off the perimeter to the regulated area to completely isolate the regulated area from adjacent spaces. All horizontal surfaces, as required, in the regulated area must be covered with 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly to prevent contamination and to facilitate clean-up. Should adjacent areas become contaminated, immediately stop work and clean up the contamination at no additional cost to the Government. Provide firestopping and identify all fire barrier penetrations due to abatement work as specified in Section 2.2.8; Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.2.2.2 PREPARATION PRIOR TO SEALING THE REGULATED AREA
- B. Place all tools, scaffolding, materials and equipment needed for working in the regulated area prior to erecting any plastic sheeting. Remove all uncontaminated removable furniture, equipment and/or supplies from the regulated area before commencing work, or completely cover with two layers of 6-mil fire retardant poly sheeting and secure with duct tape. Lock out and tag out any HVAC systems in the regulated area.

2.2.3 CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE REGULATED AREA

Access to the regulated area is allowed only through the personnel decontamination facility (PDF), if required. All other means of access shall be eliminated and OSHA DANGER demarcation signs posted as required by OSHA. If the regulated area is adjacent to or within view of an occupied area, provide a visual barrier of 6 mil opaque fire retardant poly sheeting to prevent building occupant observation. If the adjacent area is accessible to the public, the barrier must be solid.

2.2.4 CRITICAL BARRIERS

Completely separate any openings into the regulated area from adjacent areas using fire retardant poly at least 6 mils thick and duct tape. Individually seal with two layers of 6 mil poly and duct tape all HVAC

openings into the regulated area. Individually seal all lighting fixtures, clocks, doors, windows, convectors, speakers, or any other objects in the regulated area. Heat must be shut off any objects covered with poly.

2.2.5 SECONDARY BARRIERS:

A loose layer of 6 mil fire retardant poly shall be used as a drop cloth to protect the floor/horizontal surfaces from debris generated during the Class II work, except for floor tile abatement. This layer shall be replaced as needed during the work.

2.2.6 EXTENSION OF THE REGULATED AREA

If the enclosure of the regulated area is breached in any way that could allow contamination to occur, the affected area shall be included in the regulated area and constructed as per this section. If the affected area cannot be added to the regulated area, decontamination measures must be started immediately and continue until air monitoring indicates background levels are met.

2.2.7 FIRESTOPPING:

- A. Through penetrations caused by cables, cable trays, pipes, sleeves must be firestopped with a fire-rated firestop system providing an air tight seal.
- B. Firestop materials that are not equal to the wall or ceiling penetrated shall be brought to the attention of the VA Representative. The Contractor shall list all areas of penetration, the type of sealant used, and whether or not the location is fire rated. Any discovery of penetrations during abatement shall be brought to the attention of the VA Representative immediately. All walls, floors and ceilings are considered fire rated unless otherwise determined by the VA Representative or Fire Marshall.
- C. Any visible openings whether or not caused by a penetration shall be reported by the Contractor to the VA Representative for a sealant system determination. Firestops shall meet ASTM E814 and UL 1479 requirements for the opening size, penetrant, and fire rating needed.

2.3 MONITORING, INSPECTION AND TESTING

2.3.1 GENERAL

- A. Perform throughout abatement work monitoring, inspection and testing inside and around the regulated area in accordance with the OSHA requirements and these specifications. The CPIH shall periodically inspect and oversee the performance of the Contractor IH Technician.

The IH Technician shall continuously inspect and monitor conditions inside the regulated area to ensure compliance with these specifications. In addition, the CPIH shall personally manage air sample collection, analysis, and evaluation for personnel, regulated area, and adjacent area samples to satisfy OSHA requirements. Additional inspection and testing requirements are also indicated in other parts of this specification.

- B. The VA will employ an independent industrial hygienist (VPIH/CIH) consultant and/or use its own IH to perform various services on behalf of the VA. The VPIH/CIH will perform the necessary monitoring, inspection, testing, and other support services to ensure that VA patients, employees, and visitors will not be adversely affected by the abatement work, and that the abatement work proceeds in accordance with these specifications, that the abated areas or abated buildings have been successfully decontaminated. The work of the VPIH/CIH consultant in no way relieves the Contractor from their responsibility to perform the work in accordance with contract/specification requirements, to perform continuous inspection, monitoring and testing for the safety of their employees, and to perform other such services as specified. The cost of the VPIH/CIH and their services will be borne by the VA except for any repeat of final inspection and testing that may be required due to unsatisfactory initial results. Any repeated final inspections and/or testing, if required, will be paid for by the Contractor.
- C. If fibers counted by the VPIH/CIH during abatement work inside the regulated area, utilizing the NIOSH 7400 air monitoring method, exceed 0.05 f/cc, the Contractor shall stop work. If fiber levels exceed 0.01 f/cc outside the regulated area, the Contractor shall stop work. The Contractor may request confirmation of the results by analysis of the samples by TEM. Request must be in writing and submitted to the VA's representative. Cost for the confirmation of results will be borne by the Contractor for both the collection and analysis of samples and for the time delay that may/does result for this confirmation. Confirmation sampling and analysis will be the responsibility of the CPIH with review and approval of the VPIH/CIH. An agreement between the CPIH and the VPIH/CIH shall be reached on the exact details of the confirmation effort, in writing, including such things as the number of samples, location, collection, quality control on-site, analytical laboratory, interpretation of results and any follow-up actions. This written

agreement shall be co-signed by the IH's and delivered to the VA's representative.

2.3.2 SCOPE OF SERVICES OF THE VPIH/CIH CONSULTANT

- A. The purpose of the work of the VPIH/CIH is to: assure quality; resolve problems; and prevent the spread of contamination beyond the regulated area. In addition, their work includes performing the final inspection and testing to determine whether the regulated area or building has been adequately decontaminated. All air monitoring is to be done utilizing PCM/TEM. The VPIH/CIH will perform the following tasks:
1. Task 1: Establish background levels before abatement begins by collecting background samples. Retain samples for possible TEM analysis.
 2. Task 2: Perform continuous air monitoring, inspection, and testing outside the regulated area during actual abatement work to detect any faults in the regulated area isolation and any adverse impact on the surroundings from regulated area activities.
 3. Task 3: Perform unannounced visits to spot check overall compliance of work with contract/specifications. These visits may include any inspection, monitoring, and testing inside and outside the regulated area and all aspects of the operation except personnel monitoring.
 4. Task 4: Provide support to the VA representative such as evaluation of submittals from the Contractor, resolution of unforeseen developments, etc.
 5. Task 5: Perform, in the presence of the VA representative, final inspection and testing of a decontaminated regulated area or building at the conclusion of the abatement and clean-up work to certify compliance with all regulations and the VA requirements/specifications.
 6. Task 6: Issue certificate of decontamination for each regulated area or building and project report.
- B. All documentation, inspection results and testing results generated by the VPIH/CIH will be available to the Contractor for information and consideration. The Contractor shall cooperate with and support the VPIH/CIH for efficient and smooth performance of their work.
- C. The monitoring and inspection results of the VPIH/CIH will be used by the VA to issue any Stop Removal orders to the Contractor during abatement work and to accept or reject a regulated area or building as decontaminated.

D. All air sampling and analysis data will be recorded on VA Form 10-0018.

2.3.3 MONITORING, INSPECTION AND TESTING BY CONTRACTOR CPIH

The CPIH is responsible for managing all monitoring, inspections, and testing required by these specifications, as well as any and all regulatory requirements adopted by these specifications. The CPIH is responsible for the continuous monitoring of all subsystems and procedures which could affect the health and safety of the Contractor's personnel. Safety and health conditions and the provision of those conditions inside the regulated area for all persons entering the regulated area is the exclusive responsibility of the Contractor /Competent Person. The person performing the personnel and area air monitoring inside the regulated area shall be an IH Technician, who shall be trained and shall have specialized field experience in air sampling and analysis. The IH Technician shall have a NIOSH 582 Course or equivalent and show proof. The IH Technician shall participate in the AIHA Asbestos Analysis Registry or participate in the Proficiency Analytic Testing program of AIHA for fiber counting quality control assurance. The IH Technician shall also be an accredited EPA/State Contractor/Supervisor and Building Inspector. The IH Technician shall have participated in five abatement projects collecting personal and area samples as well as responsibility for documentation. The analytic laboratory used by the Abatement Contractor to analyze the samples shall be AIHA accredited for asbestos PAT. A daily log documenting all OSHA requirements for air monitoring for asbestos in 29 CFR 1926.1101(f), (g) and Appendix A. This log shall be made available to the VA representative and the VPIH/CIH. The log will contain, at a minimum, information on personnel or area sampled, other persons represented by the sample, the date of sample collection, start and stop times for sampling, sample volume, flow rate, and fibers/cc. The CPIH shall collect and analyze samples for each representative job being done in the regulated area, i.e., removal, wetting, clean-up, and load-out. No fewer than two personal samples per shift shall be collected and one area sample per 1,000 square feet of regulated area where abatement is taking place and one sample per shift in the clean room area shall be collected. In addition to the continuous monitoring required, the CPIH will perform inspection and testing at the final stages of abatement for each regulated area as specified in the CPIH responsibilities.

2.4 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Contractor shall have established Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) in printed form and loose leaf folder consisting of simplified text, diagrams, sketches, and pictures that establish and explain clearly the ways and procedures to be followed during all phases of the work by the contractor's personnel. The SOP's must be modified as needed to address specific requirements of the project. The SOP's shall be submitted for review and approval prior to the start of any abatement work. The minimum topics and areas to be covered by the SOP's are:

- A. Minimum Personnel Qualifications
- B. Contingency Plans and Arrangements
- C. Security and Safety Procedures
- D. Respiratory Protection/Personal Protective Equipment Program and Training
- E. Medical Surveillance Program and Recordkeeping
- F. Regulated Area Requirements for Class II work
- G. Decontamination Facilities and Entry/Exit Procedures (PDF and W/EDF)
- H. Monitoring, Inspections, and Testing
- I. Removal Procedures for Class II Materials
- J. Disposal of ACM Waste
- K. Regulated Area Decontamination/Clean-up
- L. Regulated Area Visual and Air Clearance
- M. Project Completion/Closeout

2.5 SUBMITTALS

2.5.1 PRE-START MEETING SUBMITTALS

Submit to the VA a minimum of 14 days prior to the pre-start meeting the following for review and approval. Meeting this requirement is a prerequisite for the pre-start meeting for this project.

- A. Submit a detailed work schedule for the entire project reflecting contract documents and the phasing/schedule requirements from the CPM chart.
- B. Submit a staff organization chart showing all personnel who will be working on the project and their capacity/function. Provide their qualifications, training, accreditations, and licenses, as appropriate. Provide a copy of the "Certificate of Worker's Acknowledgment" and the "Affidavit of Medical Surveillance and Respiratory Protection" for each person.

- C. Submit Standard Operating Procedures developed specifically for this project, incorporating the requirements of the specifications, prepared, signed and dated by the CPIH.
- D. Submit the specifics of the materials and equipment to be used for this project with brand names, model numbers, performance characteristics, pictures/diagrams, and number available for the following:
 - 1. HEPA vacuums, air monitoring pumps, calibration devices, infrared heating machines, and emergency power generating system.
 - 2. Encapsulants, surfactants, hand held sprayers, airless sprayers, fire extinguishers.
 - 3. Personal protective equipment.
 - 4. Fire safety equipment to be used in the regulated area.
- E. Submit the name, location, and phone number of the approved landfill; proof/verification the landfill is approved for ACM disposal; the landfill's requirements for ACM waste; the type of vehicle to be used for transportation; and name, address, and phone number of subcontractor, if used. Proof of asbestos training for transportation personnel shall be provided.
- F. Submit required notifications and arrangements made with regulatory agencies having regulatory jurisdiction and the specific contingency/emergency arrangements made with local health, fire, ambulance, hospital authorities and any other notifications/arrangements.
- G. Submit the name, location and verification of the laboratory and/or personnel to be used for analysis of air and/or bulk samples. Air monitoring must be done in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1101(f) and Appendix A.
- H. Submit qualifications verification: Submit the following evidence of qualifications. Make sure that all references are current and verifiable by providing current phone numbers and documentation.
 - 1. Asbestos Abatement Company: Project experience within the past 3 years; listing projects first most similar to this project:
Project Name; Type of Abatement; Duration; Cost; Reference Name/Phone Number; Final Clearance; Completion Date
 - 2. List of project(s) halted by owner, A/E, IH, regulatory agency in the last 3 years:
Project Name; Reason; Date; Reference Name/Number; Resolution

3. List asbestos regulatory citations, penalties, damages paid and legal actions taken against the company in the last 3 years. Provide copies and all information needed for verification.
- I. Submit information on personnel: Provide a resume; address each item completely; provide references; phone numbers; copies of certificates, accreditations, and licenses. Submit an affidavit signed by the CPIH stating that all personnel submitted below have medical records in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1101(m) and 29 CFR 1910.20 and that the company has implemented a medical surveillance program and maintains recordkeeping in accordance with the above regulations. Submit the phone number and doctor/clinic/hospital used for medical evaluations.
1. CPIH: Name; years of abatement experience; list of projects similar to this one; certificates, licenses, accreditations for proof of AHERA/OSHA specialized asbestos training; professional affiliations; number of workers trained; samples of training materials; samples of SOP's developed; medical opinion; current respirator fit test.
 2. Competent Person(s)/Supervisor(s): Number; names; social security numbers; years of abatement experience as Competent Person/Supervisor; list of similar projects as Competent Person/Supervisor; as a worker; certificates, licenses, accreditations; proof of AHERA/OSHA specialized asbestos training; maximum number of personnel supervised on a project; medical opinion; current respirator fit test.
 3. Workers: Numbers; names; social security numbers; years of abatement experience; certificates, licenses, accreditations; training courses in asbestos abatement and respiratory protection; medical opinion; current respirator fit test.
- J. Submit copies of State license for asbestos abatement; copy of insurance policy, including exclusions with a letter from agent stating in plain english the coverage provided and the fact that asbestos abatement activities are covered by the policy; copy of SOP's incorporating the requirements of this specification; information on who provides your training, how often; who provides medical surveillance, how often; who does and how is air monitoring conducted; a list of references of independent laboratories/IH's familiar with your air monitoring and standard operating procedures; copies of

monitoring results of the five referenced projects listed and analytical method(s) used.

- K. When rental equipment is to be used in regulated areas or used to transport asbestos waste, the contractor shall assure complete decontamination of the rental equipment before return to the rental agency.

2.5.2 SUBMITTALS DURING ABATEMENT

- A. The Competent Person shall maintain and submit a daily log at the regulated area documenting the dates and times of the following: purpose, attendees and summary of meetings; all personnel entering/exiting the regulated area; document and discuss the resolution of unusual events such as critical barrier breaching, equipment failures, emergencies, and any cause for stopping work; representative air monitoring and results/TWA's/EL's. Submit this daily log to VA's representative.
- B. The CPIH shall document and maintain the following during abatement and submit as appropriate to the VA's representative.
1. Inspection and approval of the regulated area preparation prior to start of work and daily during work.
 2. Removal of any poly critical/floor barriers.
 3. Visual inspection/testing by the CPIH.
 4. Packaging and removal of ACM waste from regulated area.
 5. Disposal of ACM waste materials; copies of Waste Shipment Records/landfill receipts to the VA's representative on a weekly basis.

2.5.3 SUBMITTALS AT COMPLETION OF ABATEMENT

The CPIH shall submit a project report consisting of the daily log book requirements and documentation of events during the abatement project including Waste Shipment Records signed by the landfill's agent. The report shall include a certificate of completion, signed and dated by the CPIH, in accordance with Attachment #1. The VA Representative will forward the abatement report to the Medical Center after completion of the project.

2.6 ENCAPSULANTS

2.6.1 TYPES OF ENCAPSULANTS

- A. The following four types of encapsulants must comply with performance requirements as stated in paragraph 2.6.2:
1. Removal encapsulant - used as a wetting agent to remove ACM.

2. Bridging encapsulant - provides a tough, durable coating on ACM.
3. Penetrating encapsulant - penetrates/encapsulates ACM at least 13 mm (1/2").
4. Lockdown encapsulant - seals microscopic fibers on surfaces after ACM removal.

2.6.2 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Encapsulants shall meet the latest requirements of EPA; shall not contain toxic or hazardous substances; or solvents; and shall comply with the following performance requirements:

A. General Requirements for all Encapsulants:

1. ASTM E84: Flame spread of 25; smoke emission of 50.
2. University of Pittsburgh Protocol: Combustion Toxicity; zero mortality.
3. ASTM C732: Accelerated Aging Test; Life Expectancy - 20 years.
4. ASTM E96: Permeability - minimum of 0.4 perms.

B. Bridging/Penetrating Encapsulants:

1. ASTM E736: Cohesion/Adhesion Test - 24 kPa (50 lbs/ft²).
2. ASTM E119: Fire Resistance - 3 hours (Classified by UL for use on fibrous/cementitious fireproofing).
3. ASTM D2794: Gardner Impact Test; Impact Resistance - minimum 11.5 kg-mm (43 in/lb).
4. ASTM D522: Mandrel Bend Test; Flexibility - no rupture or cracking.

C. Lockdown Encapsulants:

1. ASTM E119: Fire resistance - 3 hours (tested with fireproofing over encapsulant applied directly to steel member).
2. ASTM E736: Bond Strength - 48 kPa (100 lbs/ft²) (test compatibility with cementitious and fibrous fireproofing).
3. In certain situations, encapsulants may have to be applied to hot pipes/equipment. The encapsulant must be able to withstand high temperatures without cracking or off-gassing any noxious vapors during application.

2.7 CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

The Contractor shall submit to the VA representative certification from the manufacturer indicating compliance with performance requirements for encapsulants when applied according to manufacturer recommendations.

2.8 RECYCLABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

If recyclable clothing is provided, all requirements of EPA, DOT and OSHA shall be met.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PRE-ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES

3.1.1 PRE-ABATEMENT MEETING

The VA representative, upon receipt, review, and substantial approval of all pre-abatement submittals and verification by the CPIH that all materials and equipment required for the project are on the site, will arrange for a pre-abatement meeting between the Contractor, the CPIH, Competent Person(s), the VA representative(s), and the VPIH/CIH. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss any aspect of the submittals needing clarification or amplification and to discuss any aspect of the project execution and the sequence of the operation. The Contractor shall be prepared to provide any supplemental information/documentation to the VA's representative regarding any submittals, documentation, materials or equipment. Upon satisfactory resolution of any outstanding issues, the VA's representative will issue a written order to proceed to the Contractor. No abatement work of any kind described in the following provisions shall be initiated prior to the VA written order to proceed.

3.1.2 PRE-ABATEMENT INSPECTIONS AND PREPARATIONS

Before any work begins on the construction of the regulated area, the Contractor will:

- A. Conduct a space-by-space inspection with an authorized VA representative and prepare a written inventory of all existing damage in those spaces where asbestos abatement will occur. Still or video photography may be used to supplement the written damage inventory. Document will be signed and certified as accurate by both parties.
- B. The VA Representative, the Contractor, and the VPIH/CIH must be aware of 10/95 A/E Quality Alert indicating the failure to identify asbestos as applicable to glovebag abatement in the areas listed. Make sure these areas are looked at/reviewed on the project:
Lay-in ceilings concealing ACM; ACM behind walls/windows from previous renovations; inside chases/walls; transite piping/ductwork/sheets; behind radiators; below window sills; water/sewer lines; electrical conduit coverings; steam line trench coverings.

- C. Ensure that all furniture, machinery, equipment, curtains, drapes, blinds, and other movable objects which the Contractor is required to remove from the regulated area have been cleaned and removed or properly protected from contamination.
- D. Shut down and seal with a minimum of 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly all HVAC systems and critical openings in the regulated area. The regulated area critical barriers shall be completely isolate the regulated area from any other air in the building. The VA's representative will monitor the isolation provision.
- E. Shut down and lock out in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.147 all electrical circuits which pose a potential hazard. Electrical arrangements will be tailored to the particular regulated area and the systems involved. All electrical circuits affected will be turned off at the circuit box outside the regulated area, not just the wall switch. The goal is to eliminate the potential for electrical shock which is a major threat to life in the regulated area due to water use and possible energized circuits. Electrical lines used to power equipment in the regulated area shall conform to all electrical safety standards and shall be isolated by the use of a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). All GFCI shall be tested prior to use. The VA's representative will monitor the electrical shutdown.
- F. If required, remove and dispose of carpeting from floors in the regulated area.
- G. Inspect existing firestopping in the regulated area. Correct as needed.

3.1.3 PRE-ABATEMENT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

- A. Perform all preparatory work for the first regulated area in accordance with the approved work schedule and with this specification.
- B. Upon completion of all preparatory work, the CPIH will inspect the work and systems and will notify the VA's representative when the work is completed in accordance with this specification. The VA's representative may inspect the regulated area and the systems with the VPIH/CIH and may require that upon satisfactory inspection, Contractor's employees perform all major aspects of the approved SOP's, especially worker protection, respiratory systems, contingency plans, decontamination procedures, and monitoring to demonstrate satisfactory operation.

- C. The CPIH shall document the pre-abatement activities described above and deliver a copy to the VA's representative.
- D. Upon satisfactory inspection of the installation of and operation of systems the VA's representative will notify the Contractor in writing to proceed with the Class II asbestos abatement work in accordance with this specification.

3.2 REGULATED AREA PREPARATIONS

3.2.1 OSHA DANGER SIGNS

Post OSHA DANGER signs meeting the specifications of OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1101 at any location and approaches to the regulated area where airborne concentrations of asbestos may exceed ambient background levels. Signs shall be posted at a distance sufficiently far enough away from the regulated area to permit any personnel to read the sign and take the necessary measures to avoid exposure. Additional signs will be posted following construction of the regulated area enclosure.

3.2.2 SHUT DOWN - LOCK OUT ELECTRICAL

Shut down and lock out electric power to the regulated area. Provide temporary power and lighting. Insure safe installation including GFCI of temporary power sources and equipment by compliance with all applicable electrical code requirements and OSHA requirements for temporary electrical systems. Electricity shall be provided by the VA.

3.2.3 SHUT DOWN - LOCK OUT HVAC

Shut down and lock out heating, cooling, and air conditioning system (HVAC) components that are in, supply or pass through the regulated area. Investigate the regulated area and agree on pre-abatement condition with the VA's representative. Seal all intake and exhaust vents in the regulated area with duct tape and 2 layers of 6-mil poly. Also, seal any seams in system components that pass through the regulated area. Remove all contaminated HVAC system filters and place in labeled 6 mil poly disposal bags for disposal as asbestos waste.

3.2.4 SANITARY FACILITIES

The Contractor shall provide sanitary facilities for abatement personnel and maintain them in a clean and sanitary condition throughout the abatement project.

3.2.5 WATER FOR ABATEMENT

The VA will provide water for abatement purposes. The Contractor shall connect to the existing VA system. The service to the shower(s) shall be supplied with backflow prevention.

3.2.6 PRE-CLEANING MOVABLE OBJECTS

Pre-clean all movable objects within the regulated area using a HEPA filtered vacuum and/or wet cleaning methods as appropriate. After cleaning, these objects shall be removed from the regulated area and carefully stored in an uncontaminated location.

3.2.7 PRE-CLEANING FIXED OBJECTS

Pre-clean all fixed objects in the regulated area using HEPA filtered vacuums and/or wet cleaning techniques as appropriate. Careful attention must be paid to machinery behind grills or gratings where access may be difficult but contamination may be significant. Also, pay particular attention to wall, floor and ceiling penetration behind fixed items. After precleaning, enclose fixed objects with 2 layers of 6-mil poly and seal securely in place with duct tape. Objects (e.g., permanent fixtures, shelves, electronic equipment, laboratory tables, sprinklers, alarm systems, closed circuit TV equipment and computer cables) which must remain in the regulated area and that require special ventilation or enclosure requirements should be designated here along with specified means of protection. Contact the manufacturer for special protection requirements.

3.2.8 PRE-CLEANING SURFACES IN THE REGULATED AREA

Pre-clean all surfaces in the regulated area using HEPA filtered vacuums and/or wet cleaning methods as appropriate. Do not use any methods that would raise dust such as dry sweeping or vacuuming with equipment not equipped with HEPA filters. Do not disturb asbestos-containing materials during this pre-cleaning phase.

3.3 CONTAINMENT BARRIERS AND COVERINGS FOR THE REGULATED AREA

3.3.1 GENERAL

Seal off any openings at the perimeter of the regulated area with critical barriers to completely isolate the regulated area and to contain all airborne asbestos contamination created by the abatement activities. Should the adjacent area past the regulated area become contaminated due to improper work activities, the Contractor shall suspend work inside the regulated area, continue wetting, and clean the adjacent areas in accordance with procedures described in these specifications. Any and all costs associated with the adjacent area cleanup shall not be borne by the VA.

3.3.2 PREPARATION PRIOR TO SEALING OFF

Place all infrared machines, materials, equipment and supplies necessary to isolate the regulated area inside the regulated area. Remove all movable material/equipment as described above and secure all unmovable material/equipment as described above. Properly secured material/equipment shall be considered to be outside the regulated area.

3.3.3 CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE REGULATED AREA

Access to the regulated area shall be permitted only by the competent person. All other means of access shall be closed off by proper sealing and OSHA DANGER demarcation signs posted on the clean side of the regulated area where it is adjacent to or within view of any occupiable area. An opaque visual barrier of 6 mil poly shall be provided so that the abatement work is not visible to any building occupants. If the area adjacent to the regulated area is accessible to the public, construct a solid barrier on the public side of the sheeting for protection and isolation of the project. The barrier shall be constructed with normal 2" x 4" (50mm x 100mm) wood or metal studs 16" (400mm) on centers, securely anchored to prevent movement and covered with a minimum of ½" (12.5mm) plywood. Provide an appropriate number of OSHA DANGER signs for each visual and physical barrier. Any alternative method must be given a written approval by the VA's representative.

3.3.4 CRITICAL BARRIERS

The regulated area must be completely separated from the adjacent areas, and the outside by at least 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly and duct tape/spray adhesive. Individually seal all supply and exhaust ventilation openings, lighting fixtures, clocks, doorways, windows, convectors, speakers, and other openings into the regulated area with 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly, and taped securely in place with duct tape/spray adhesive. Critical barriers must remain in place until all work and clearances have been completed.

3.3.5 EXTENSION OF THE REGULATED AREA

If the regulated area barrier is breached in any manner that could allow the passage of asbestos fibers or debris, the Competent Person shall immediately stop work, continue wetting, and proceed to extend the regulated area to enclose the affected area as per procedures described in this specification. If the affected area cannot be

enclosed, decontamination measures and cleanup shall start immediately. All personnel shall be isolated from the affected area until decontamination/cleanup is completed as verified by visual inspection and air monitoring. Air monitoring at completion must indicate background levels or less than 0.01 f/cc.

3.3.6 FLOOR BARRIERS

If floor removal is not being done, all floors in the regulated area shall be covered with 2 layers of 6 mil fire retardant poly and brought up the wall 12 inches.

3.4 REMOVAL OF CLASS II EXTERIOR ACM:

3.4.1 GENERAL

All applicable requirements of OSHA, EPA, and DOT shall be followed during Class II work. Keep materials intact; do not disturb; wet while working with it; wrap as soon as possible with 2 layers of 6 mil plastic for disposal.

3.4.2 REMOVAL OF DAMP PROOFING:

- A. All damp proofing must be wetted prior to and during removal.
- B. Materials shall remain non-friable during removal.
- C. All waste must be wrapped in two layers of 6 mil poly and lowered carefully to the ground.

3.5 REMOVAL OF FRIABLE ACM

3.5.1 WETTING MATERIALS

- A. Use amended water for the wetting of ACM prior to removal. The Competent Person shall assure the wetting of ACM meets the definition of "adequately wet" in the EPA NESHAP's regulation and OSHA's "wet methods" for the duration of the project. A removal encapsulant may be used instead of amended water with written approval of the VA's representative.
- B. Amended Water: Provide water to which a surfactant has been added shall be used to wet the ACM and reduce the potential for fiber release during disturbance of ACM. The mixture must be equal to or greater than the wetting provided by water amended by a surfactant consisting one ounce of 50% polyoxyethylene ester and 50% polyoxyethylene ether mixed with 5 gallons (19L) of water.
- C. Removal Encapsulant: Provide a penetrating encapsulant designed specifically for the removal of ACM. The material must, when used, result in adequate wetting of the ACM and retard fiber release during

disturbance equal to or greater than the amended water described above in B.

3.5.2 SECONDARY BARRIER AND WALKWAYS

- A. Install as a drop cloth a 6 mil poly sheet at the beginning of each work shift where removal is to be done during that shift. Completely floors within 10 feet (3M) of the area where work is to be done. Secure the secondary barrier with duct tape to prevent debris from getting behind it. Remove the secondary barrier at the end of the shift or as work in the area is completed. Keep residue on the secondary barrier wetted. When removing, fold inward to prevent spillage and place in a disposal bag.
- B. Install walkways using 6 mil poly between the regulated area and the decontamination facilities (PDF and W/EDF) to protect the floor from contamination and damage. Install the walkways at the beginning of each shift and remove at the end of each shift.

3.5.3 WET REMOVAL OF ACM

- A. Using acceptable glovebag procedures, adequately and thoroughly wet the ACM to be removed prior to removal to reduce/prevent fiber release to the air. Adequate time must be allowed for the amended water to saturate the ACM. Abatement personnel must not disturb dry ACM. Use a fine spray of amended water or removal encapsulant. Saturate the material sufficiently to wet to the substrate without causing excessive dripping. The material must be sprayed repeatedly/continuously during the removal process in order to maintain adequately wet conditions. Removal encapsulants must be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's written instructions. Perforate or carefully separate, using wet methods, an outer covering that is painted or jacketed in order to allow penetration and wetting of the material. Where necessary, carefully remove covering while wetting to minimize fiber release. In no event shall dry removal occur except in the case of electrical hazards or a greater safety issue is possible!

3.6 GLOVEBAG REMOVAL PROCEDURES

3.6.1 GENERAL

All applicable OSHA requirements and glovebag manufacturer's recommendations shall be met during glove bagging operations.

1. Mix the surfactant with water in the garden sprayer, following the manufacturer's directions.

2. Have each employee put on a HEPA filtered respirator approved for asbestos and check the fit using the positive/negative fit check.
3. Have each employee put on a disposable full-body suit. Remember, the hood goes over the respirator straps.
4. Check closely the integrity of the glove bag to be used. Check all seams, gloves, sleeves, and glove openings. OSHA requires the bottom of the bag to be seamless.
5. Check the pipe where the work will be performed. If it is damaged (broken lagging, hanging, etc.), wrap the entire length of the pipe in poly sheeting and "candy stripe" it with duct tape.
6. Attach glovebag with required tools per manufacturer's instructions.
7. Using the smoke tube and aspirator bulb, test 10% of glovebags by placing the tube into the water porthole (two-inch opening to glove bag), and fill the bag with smoke and squeeze it. If leaks are found, they should be taped closed using duct tape and the bag should be retested with smoke.
8. Insert the wand from the water sprayer through the water porthole.
9. Insert the hose end from a HEPA vacuum into the upper portion of the glove bag.
10. Wet and remove the pipe insulation.
11. If the section of pipe is covered with an aluminum jacket, remove it first using the wire cutters to cut any bands and the tin snips to remove the aluminum. It is important to fold the sharp edges in to prevent cutting the bag when placing it in the bottom.
12. When the work is complete, spray the upper portion of the bag and clean-push all residue into the bottom of the bag with the other waste material. Be very thorough. Use adequate water.
13. Put all tools, after washing them off in the bag, in one of the sleeves of glove bag and turn it inside out, drawing it outside of the bag. Twist the sleeve tightly several times to seal it and tape it several tight turns with duct tape. Cut through the middle of the duct tape and remove the sleeve. Put the sleeve in the next glove bag or put it in a bucket of water to decontaminate the tools after cutting the sleeve open.
14. Turn on the HEPA vacuum and collapse the bag completely. Remove the vacuum nozzle, seal the hole with duct tape, twist the bag tightly several times in the middle, and tape it to keep the material in the bottom during removal of the glove bag from the pipe.

15. Slip a disposal bag over the glove bag (still attached to the pipe). Remove the tape securing the ends, and slit open the top of the glove bag and carefully fold it down into the disposal bag. Double bag and gooseneck waste materials.

3.6.2 NEGATIVE PRESSURE GLOVEBAG PROCEDURE

1. In addition to the above requirements, the HEPA vacuum shall be run continuously during the glovebag procedure until completion at which time the glovebag will be collapsed by the HEPA vacuum prior to removal from the pipe/component.
2. The HEPA vacuum shall be attached and operated as needed to prevent collapse of the glovebag during the removal process.

3.7 LOCKDOWN ENCAPSULATION

3.7.1 GENERAL

Lockdown encapsulation is an integral part of the ACM removal. At the conclusion of ACM removal and before removal of the primary barriers, all piping surfaces shall be encapsulated with a bridging encapsulant.

3.7.2 SEALING EXPOSED EDGES

Seal edges of ACM exposed by removal work with two coats of encapsulant. Prior to sealing, permit the exposed edges to dry completely to permit penetration of the encapsulant.

3.8 DISPOSAL OF ACM WASTE MATERIALS

3.8.1 GENERAL

Dispose of waste ACM and debris which is packaged in accordance with these specifications, OSHA, EPA and DOT. The landfill requirements for packaging must also be met. Disposal shall be done at the approved landfill. Disposal of non-friable ACM shall be done in accordance with applicable regulations.

3.8.2 PROCEDURES

- A. Asbestos waste shall be packaged and moved through the W/EDF into a covered transport container in accordance with procedures in this specification. Waste shall be double-bagged prior to disposal. Wetted waste can be very heavy. Bags shall not be overfilled. Bags shall securely sealed to prevent accidental opening and/or leakage. The top shall be tightly twisted and goosenecked prior to tightly sealing with at least three wraps of duct tape. Ensure that unauthorized persons do not have access to the waste material once it is outside the regulated area. All transport containers must be covered at all times when not in use. NESHAP's signs must be on containers during loading and unloading.

Material shall not be transported in open vehicles. If drums are used for packaging, the drums shall be labeled properly and shall not be re-used.

- B. Waste Load Out: Waste load out shall be done in accordance with the procedures in W/EDF Decontamination Procedures. Bags shall be decontaminated on exterior surfaces by wet cleaning and/or HEPA vacuuming before being placed in the second bag. C. Asbestos waste with sharp edged components, i.e., nails, screws, lath, strapping, tin sheeting, jacketing, metal mesh, etc., which might tear poly bags shall be wrapped securely in burlap before packaging and, if needed, use a poly lined fiber drum as the second container, prior to disposal.

3.9 PROJECT DECONTAMINATION

3.9.1 GENERAL

- A. The entire work related to project decontamination shall be performed under the close supervision and monitoring of the CPIH.
- B. If the asbestos abatement work is in an area which was contaminated prior to the start of abatement, the decontamination will be done by cleaning the primary barrier poly prior to its removal and cleaning of the regulated area surfaces after the primary barrier removal.
- C. If the asbestos abatement work is in an area which was uncontaminated prior to the start of abatement, the decontamination will be done by cleaning the primary barrier poly prior to its removal, thus preventing contamination of the building when the regulated area critical barriers are removed.

3.9.2 REGULATED AREA CLEARANCE

Air testing and other requirements which must be met before release of the Contractor and re-occupancy of the regulated area space are specified in Final Testing Procedures.

3.9.3 WORK DESCRIPTION

Decontamination includes the cleaning and clearance of the air in the regulated area and the decontamination and removal of the enclosures/facilities installed prior to the abatement work including primary/critical barriers, PDF and W/EDF facilities.

3.9.4 PRE-DECONTAMINATION CONDITIONS

- A. Before decontamination starts, all ACM waste from the regulated area shall be removed, all waste collected and removed, and the secondary barrier of poly removed and disposed of along with any gross debris generated by the work.

- B. At the start of decontamination, the following shall be in place:
1. Critical barriers over all openings consisting of two layers of 6 mil poly which is the sole barrier between the regulated area and the rest of the building or outside.
 3. Decontamination facilities, if required for personnel and equipment in operating condition.

3.9.5 FIRST CLEANING

Carry out a first cleaning of all surfaces of the regulated area including items of remaining poly sheeting, tools, scaffolding, ladders/staging by wet methods and/or HEPA vacuuming. Do not use dry dusting/sweeping methods. Use each surface of a cleaning cloth one time only and then dispose of as contaminated waste. Continue this cleaning until there is no visible residue from abated surfaces or poly or other surfaces. If determined by the CPIH/VPIH/CIH additional cleaning(s) may be needed.

3.9.6 PRE-CLEARANCE INSPECTION AND TESTING

The CPIH and VPIH/CIH will perform a thorough and detailed visual inspection after the first cleaning to determine whether there is any visible residue in the regulated area. If the visual inspection is acceptable, the CPIH will perform pre-clearance sampling using aggressive clearance as detailed in 40 CFR 763 Subpart E (AHERA) Appendix A(III)(B)(7)(d). If the sampling results show values below 0.01 f/cc, then the Contractor shall notify the VA's representative of the results with a brief report from the CPIH documenting the inspection and sampling results and a statement verifying that the regulated area is ready for lockdown encapsulation. The VA reserves the right to utilize their own VPIH/CIH to perform a pre-clearance inspection and testing for verification.

3.9.7 LOCKDOWN ENCAPSULATION OF ABATED SURFACES

With the express written permission of the VA's representative, perform lockdown encapsulation of all surfaces from which asbestos was abated in accordance with the procedures in this specification.

3.10 FINAL VISUAL INSPECTIONS AND AIR CLEARANCE TESTING

3.10.1 GENERAL

Notify the VA representative 24 hours in advance for the performance of the final visual inspection and testing. The final visual inspection and testing will be performed by the VPIH/CIH after the final cleaning.

3.10.2 FINAL VISUAL INSPECTION

Final visual inspection will include the entire regulated area, the PDF, all poly sheeting, seals over HVAC openings, doorways, windows, and any other openings. If any debris, residue, dust or any other suspect material is detected, the final cleaning shall be repeated at no cost to the VA. Dust/material samples may be collected and analyzed at no cost to the VA at the discretion of the VPIH/CIH to confirm visual findings. When the regulated area is visually clean the final testing can be done.

3.10.3 FINAL AIR CLEARANCE TESTING

- A. After an acceptable final visual inspection by the VPIH/CIH and VA Representative, the VPIH/CIH will perform the final testing. Air samples will be collected and analyzed in accordance with procedures for PCM/TEM in this specification. If the release criteria are not met, the Contractor shall repeat the final cleaning and continue decontamination procedures. Additional inspection and testing will be done at the expense of the Contractor.
- B. If the results of the PCM/TEM are acceptable, remove the critical barriers. Any small quantities of residue material found upon removal of the poly shall be removed with a HEPA vacuum and localized isolation. If significant quantities are found as determined by the VPIH/CIH, then the entire area affected shall be cleaned as specified in the final cleaning.
- C. When release criteria are met, proceed to perform the abatement closeout and to issue the certificate of completion in accordance with these specifications.

3.10.4 FINAL AIR CLEARANCE PROCEDURES

- A. Contractor's Release Criteria: Work in a regulated area is complete when the regulated area is visually clean and airborne fiber levels have been reduced to or below 0.01 f/cc as measured with PCM/TEM methods.
- B. Air Monitoring and Final Clearance Sampling: To determine if the elevated airborne fiber counts encountered during abatement operations have been reduced to the specified level, the VPIH/CIH will secure samples and analyze them according to the following procedures:
 - 1. Fibers Counted: "Fibers" referred to in this section shall be either all fibers regardless of composition as counted in the NIOSH 7400 PCM method or asbestos fibers counted using the TEM method.

2. Aggressive Sampling: All final air testing samples shall be collected using aggressive sampling techniques. Samples will be collected on 0.8 μ MCE filters for PCM analysis and 0.45 μ Polycarbonate filters for TEM analysis. Before pumps are started, initiate aggressive sampling as detailed in 40 CFR 763 Subpart E (AHERA) Appendix A (III)(B)(7)(d). Air samples will be collected in areas subject to normal air circulation away from corners, obstructed locations, and locations near windows, doors, or vents. After air sampling pumps have been shut off, circulating fans shall be shut off.

3.10.5 CLEARANCE SAMPLING USING PCM

The NIOSH 7400 method will be used for clearance sampling with a minimum collection volume of 1200 Liters of air. A minimum of 5 PCM clearance samples will be collected.

3.10.6 CLEARANCE SAMPLING USING TEM

TEM clearance requires a minimum of 13 samples taken and analyzed, including five samples in the regulated area, five samples outside the regulated area and three field blanks using polycarbonate filters.

3.10.7 LABORATORY TESTING OF PCM SAMPLES

The services of an AIHA accredited laboratory will be employed by the VA to perform analysis of the air samples. Samples will be sent by the VPIH/CIH so that verbal/faxed reports can be received within 24 hours. A complete record, certified by the laboratory, of all air monitoring tests and results will be furnished to the VA's representative and the Contractor.

3.10.8 LABORATORY TESTING OF TEM SAMPLES

Samples shall be sent by the VPIH/CIH to an accredited laboratory for analysis by TEM. Verbal/faxed results from the laboratory shall be available within 24 hours after receipt of the samples. A complete record, certified by the laboratory, of all TEM results shall be furnished to the VA's representative and the Contractor.

3.11 ABATEMENT CLOSEOUT AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

3.11.1 COMPLETION OF ABATEMENT WORK

After thorough decontamination, complete asbestos abatement work upon meeting the regulated area clearance criteria and fulfilling the following:

- A. Remove all equipment, materials, and debris from the project area.
- B. Package and dispose of all asbestos waste as required.

- C. Repair or replace all interior finishes damaged during the abatement work.
- D. Fulfill other project closeout requirements as specified elsewhere in this specification.

3.11.2 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION BY CONTRACTOR

The CPIH shall complete and sign the "Certificate of Completion" in accordance with Attachment 1 at the completion of the abatement and decontamination of the regulated area.

3.11.3 WORK SHIFTS

All work shall be done during administrative hours (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM) Monday - Friday excluding Federal Holidays. Any change in the work schedule must be approved in writing by the VA Representative.

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ATTACHMENT #1

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

DATE:

PROJECT NAME:

VAMC/ADDRESS:

1. I certify that I have personally inspected, monitored and supervised the abatement work of (specify regulated area or Building):
which took place from / / to / /
2. That throughout the work all applicable requirements/regulations and the VA's specifications were met.
3. That any person who entered the regulated area was protected with the appropriate personal protective equipment and respirator and that they followed the proper entry and exit procedures and the proper operating procedures for the duration of the work.
4. That all employees of the Abatement Contractor engaged in this work were trained in respiratory protection, were experienced with abatement work, had proper medical surveillance documentation, were fit-tested for their respirator, and were not exposed at any time during the work to asbestos without the benefit of appropriate respiratory protection.
5. That I performed and supervised all inspection and testing specified and required by applicable regulations and VA specifications.
6. That the conditions inside the regulated area were always maintained in a safe and healthy condition and the maximum fiber count never exceeded 0.5 f/cc, except as described below.
7. That all glovebag work was done in accordance with OSHA requirements and the manufacturer's recommendations.

CPIH Name:

Signature/Date:

Asbestos Abatement Contractor's Name:

Signature/Date:

ATTACHMENT #2

CERTIFICATE OF WORKER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

PROJECT NAME:

DATE:

PROJECT ADDRESS:

ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR'S NAME:

WORKING WITH ASBESTOS CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH. INHALING ASBESTOS HAS BEEN LINKED WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF CANCERS. IF YOU SMOKE AND INHALE ASBESTOS FIBERS YOUR CHANCES OF DEVELOPING LUNG CANCER IS GREATER THAN THAT OF THE NON-SMOKING PUBLIC.

Your employer's contract with the owner for the above project requires that: You must be supplied with the proper personal protective equipment including an adequate respirator and be trained in its use. You must be trained in safe and healthy work practices and in the use of the equipment found at an asbestos abatement project. You must receive/have a current medical examination for working with asbestos. These things shall be provided at no cost to you. By signing this certificate you are indicating to the owner that your employer has met these obligations.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: I have been trained in the proper use of respirators and have been informed of the type of respirator to be used on the above indicated project. I have a copy of the written Respiratory Protection Program issued by my employer. I have been provided for my exclusive use, at no cost, with a respirator to be used on the above indicated project.

TRAINING COURSE: I have been trained by a third party, State/EPA accredited trainer in the requirements for an AHERA/OSHA Asbestos Abatement Worker training course, 32 hours minimum duration. I currently have a valid State accreditation certificate. The topics covered in the course include, as a minimum, the following:

- Physical Characteristics and Background Information on Asbestos
- Potential Health Effects Related to Exposure to Asbestos
- Employee Personal Protective Equipment
- Establishment of a Respiratory Protection Program
- State of the Art Work Practices
- Personal Hygiene
- Additional Safety Hazards
- Medical Monitoring
- Air Monitoring
- Relevant Federal, State and Local Regulatory Requirements, Procedures, and Standards
- Asbestos Waste Disposal

MEDICAL EXAMINATION: I have had a medical examination within the past 12 months which was paid for by my employer. This examination included: health history, occupational history, pulmonary function test, and may have included a chest x-ray evaluation. The physician issued a positive written opinion after the examination.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Social Security Number:

Witness:

ATTACHMENT #3

**AFFIDAVIT OF MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE, RESPIRATORY PROTECTION AND
TRAINING/ACCREDITATION**

VA PROJECT NAME AND NUMBER:

VA MEDICAL FACILITY:

ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

1. I verify that the following individual

Name: Social Security Number:

who is proposed to be employed in asbestos abatement work associated with the above project by the named Abatement Contractor, is included in a medical surveillance program in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.1101(m), and that complete records of the medical surveillance program as required by 29 CFR 1926.1101(m)(n) and 29 CFR 1910.20 are kept at the offices of the Abatement Contractor at the following address.

Address:

2. I verify that this individual has been trained, fit-tested and instructed in the use of all appropriate respiratory protection systems and that the person is capable of working in safe and healthy manner as expected and required in the expected work environment of this project.
3. I verify that this individual has been trained as required by 29 CFR 1926.1101(k). This individual has also obtained a valid State accreditation certificate. Documentation will be kept on-site.
4. I verify that I meet the minimum qualifications criteria of the VA specifications for a CPIH.

Signature of CPIH:

Date:

Printed Name of CPIH:

Signature of Contractor:

Date:

Printed Name of Contractor:

ATTACHMENT #4

**ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR/COMPETENT PERSON(S) REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE VA'S
ASBESTOS SPECIFICATIONS**

VA Project Location:

VA Project #:

VA Project Description:

This form shall be signed by the Asbestos Abatement Contractor Owner and the Asbestos Abatement Contractor's Competent Person(s) prior to any start of work at the VA related to this Specification. If the Asbestos Abatement Contractor's/Competent Person(s) has not signed this form, they shall not be allowed to work on-site.

I, the undersigned, have read VA's Asbestos Specification regarding the asbestos abatement requirements. I understand the requirements of the VA's Asbestos Specification and agree to follow these requirements as well as all required rules and regulations of OSHA/EPA/DOT and State/Local requirements. I have been given ample opportunity to read the VA's Asbestos Specification and have been given an opportunity to ask any questions regarding the content and have received a response related to those questions. I do not have any further questions regarding the content, intent and requirements of the VA's Asbestos Specification.

At the conclusion of the asbestos abatement, I will certify that all asbestos abatement work was done in accordance with the VA's Asbestos Specification and all ACM was removed properly and no fibrous residue remains on any abated surfaces.

Abatement Contractor Owner's Signature

Date

Abatement Contractor Competent Person(s)

Date

Date

Date

SECTION 02 83 33.13
LEAD-BASED PAINT REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies abatement and disposal of lead-based paint (LBP) and controls needed to limit occupational and environmental exposure to lead hazards. Limited components including metal enclosures, walls, floors and ceiling within the scheduled work areas are assumed to contain LBP unless documented otherwise.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 02 82 13.21, GENERAL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT.
- B. Section 02 41 00, DEMOLITION.
- C. Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

1.3 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only.
- B. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):
 - CFR 29 Part 1910.....Occupational Safety and Health Standards
 - CFR 29 Part 1926.....Safety and Health Regulations for Construction
 - CFR 40 Part 148.....Hazardous Waste Injection Restrictions
 - CFR 40 Part 260.....Hazardous Waste Management System: General
 - CFR 40 Part 261.....Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste
 - CFR 40 Part 262.....Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste
 - CFR 40 Part 263.....Standards Applicable to Transporters of Hazardous Waste
 - CFR 40 Part 264.....Standards for Owners and Operations of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities
 - CFR 40 Part 265.....Interim Status Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities
 - CFR 40 Part 268.....Land Disposal Restrictions
 - CFR 49 Part 172.....Hazardous Material Table, Special Provisions, Hazardous Material Communications, Emergency Response Information, and Training Requirements
 - CFR 49 Part 178.....Specifications for Packaging

- C. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
NFPA 701-2004.....Methods of Fire Test for Flame-Resistant
Textiles and Films
- D. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
NIOSH OSHA Booklet 3142. Lead in Construction
- E. Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
UL 586-1996 (Rev 2004)..High-Efficiency, Particulate, Air Filter Units
- F. American National Standards Institute
Z9.2-2001.....Fundamentals Governing the Design and Operation
of Local Exhaust Systems
Z88.2-1992.....Respiratory Protection

1.4 DEFINITIONS

- A. Action Level: Employee exposure, without regard to use of respirations, to an airborne concentration of lead of 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air averaged over an 8-hour period. As used in this section, "30 micrograms per cubic meter of air" refers to the action level.
- B. Area Monitoring: Sampling of lead concentrations within the lead control area and inside the physical boundaries which is representative of the airborne lead concentrations which may reach the breathing zone of personnel potentially exposed to lead.
- C. Physical Boundary: Area physically roped or partitioned off around an enclosed lead control area to limit unauthorized entry of personnel. As used in this section, "inside boundary" shall mean the same as "outside lead control area."
- D. Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH): As used in this section, refers to an Industrial Hygienist employed by the Contractor and is certified by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene in comprehensive practice.
- E. Change Rooms and Shower Facilities: Rooms within the designated physical boundary around the lead control area equipped with separate storage facilities for clean protective work clothing and equipment and for street clothes which prevent cross- contamination.
- F. Competent Person: A person capable of identifying lead hazards in the work area and is authorized by the contractor to take corrective action.
- G. Decontamination Room: Room for removal of contaminated personal protective equipment (PPE).
- H. Eight-Hour Time Weighted Average (TWA): Airborne concentration of lead averaged over an 8-hour workday to which an employee is exposed.
- I. High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) Filter Equipment: HEPA filtered vacuuming equipment with a UL 586 filter system capable of collecting and retaining lead-contaminated paint dust. A high efficiency

particulate filter means 99.97 percent efficient against 0.3 micron size particles.

- J. Lead: Metallic lead, inorganic lead compounds, and organic lead soaps. Excluded from this definition are other organic lead compounds.
- K. Lead Control Area: An enclosed area or structure with full containment to prevent the spread of lead dust, paint chips, or debris of lead-containing paint removal operations. The lead control area is isolated by physical boundaries to prevent unauthorized entry of personnel.
- L. Lead Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL): Fifty micrograms per cubic meter of air as an 8-hour time weighted average as determined by 29 CFR 1910.1025. If an employee is exposed for more than 8 hours in a work day, the PEL shall be determined by the following formula.
$$\text{PEL (micrograms/cubic meter of air)} = 400/\text{No. of hrs worked per day}$$
- M. Personnel Monitoring: Sampling of lead concentrations within the breathing zone of an employee to determine the 8-hour time weighted average concentration in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1025. Samples shall be representative of the employee's work tasks. Breathing zone shall be considered an area within a hemisphere, forward of the shoulders, with a radius of 150 mm to 225 mm (6 to 9 inches) and the center at the nose or mouth of an employee.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Before exposure to lead-contaminated dust, provide workers with a comprehensive medical examination as required by 29 CFR 1926.62 (I) (1) (i) & (ii). The examination shall not be required if adequate records show that employees have been examined as required by 29 CFR 1926.62(I) without the last year.
- B. Medical Records: Maintain complete and accurate medical records of employees in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.20.
- C. CIH Responsibilities: The Contractor shall employ a certified Industrial Hygienist who will be responsible for the following:
 - 1. Certify Training.
 - 2. Review and approve lead-containing paint removal plan for conformance to the applicable referenced standards.
 - 3. Inspect lead-containing paint removal work for conformance with the approved plan.
 - 4. Direct monitoring.
 - 5. Ensure work is performed in strict accordance with specifications at all times.
 - 6. Ensure hazardous exposure to personnel and to the environment is adequately controlled at all times.

- D. Training: Train each employee performing paint removal, disposal, and air sampling operations prior to the time of initial job assignment, in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.62.
- E. Training Certification: Submit certificates signed and dated by the CIH and by each employee stating that the employee has received training.
- F. Respiratory Protection Program:
 - 1. Furnish each employee required to wear a negative pressure respirator or other appropriate type with a respirator fit test at the time of initial fitting and at least every 6 months thereafter as required by 29 CFR 1926.62.
 - 2. Establish and implement a respiratory protection program as required by 29 CFR 1910.134, 29 CFR 1910.1025, and 29 CFR 1926.62.
- G. Hazard Communication Program: Establish and implement a Hazard Communication Program as required by 29 CFR 1910.1200.
- H. Hazardous Waste Management: The Hazardous Waste Management plan shall comply with applicable requirements of Federal, State, and local hazardous waste regulations and address:
 - 1. Identification of hazardous wastes associated with the work.
 - 2. Estimated quantities of wastes to be generated and disposed of.
 - 3. Names and qualifications of each contractor that will be transporting, storing, treating, and disposing of the wastes. Include the facility location and a 24-hour point of contact. Furnish two copies of EPA, state and local hazardous waste permit applications, permits and EPA Identification numbers.
 - 4. Names and qualifications (experience and training) of personnel who will be working on-site with hazardous wastes.
 - 5. List of waste handling equipment to be used in performing the work, to include cleaning, volume reduction, and transport equipment.
 - 6. Spill prevention, containment, and cleanup contingency measures to be implemented.
 - 7. Work plan and schedule for waste containment, removal and disposal. Wastes shall be cleaned up and containerized daily.
 - 8. Cost for hazardous waste disposal according to this plan.
- I. Safety and Health Compliance:
 - 1. In addition to the detailed requirements of this specification, comply with laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of federal, state, and local authorities regarding removing, handling, storing, transporting, and disposing of lead waste materials. Comply with the applicable requirements of the current issue of 29 CFR 1910.1025. Submit matters regarding interpretation of standards to the Contracting Officer for resolution before starting work.

2. Where specification requirements and the referenced documents vary, the most stringent requirements shall apply.
 3. All local laws, ordinances, criteria, rules and regulations regarding removing, handling, storing, transporting, and disposing of lead-contaminated materials apply:
- J. Pre-Construction Conference: Along with the CIH, meet with the Contracting Officer to discuss in detail the lead-containing paint removal work plan, including work procedures and precautions for the work plan.

1.6 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, and SAMPLES.
- B. Manufacturer's Catalog Data:
Vacuum filters
Respirators
- C. Instructions: Paint removal materials. Include applicable material safety data sheets.
- D. Statements Certifications and Statements:
 1. Qualifications of CIH: Submit name, address, and telephone number of the CIH selected to perform responsibilities in paragraph entitled "CIH Responsibilities." Provide previous experience of the CIH. Submit proper documentation that the Industrial Hygienist is certified by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene in comprehensive practice, including certification number and date of certification/recertification.
 2. Testing Laboratory: Submit the name, address, and telephone number of the testing laboratory selected to perform the monitoring, testing, and reporting of airborne concentrations of lead. Provide proper documentation that persons performing the analysis have been judged proficient by successful participation within the last year in the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Proficiency Analytical Testing (PAT) Program. The laboratory shall be accredited by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). Provide AIHA documentation along with date of accreditation/reaccreditation.
 3. Lead-Containing Paint Removal Plan:
 - a. Submit a detailed job-specific plan of the work procedures to be used in the removal of lead-containing paint. The plan shall include a sketch showing the location, size, and details of lead control areas, location and details of decontamination rooms,

change rooms, shower facilities, and mechanical ventilation system.

- b. Include in the plan, eating, drinking, smoking and restroom procedures, interface of trades, sequencing of lead related work, collected wastewater and paint debris disposal plan, air sampling plan, respirators, protective equipment, and a detailed description of the method of containment of the operation to ensure that airborne lead concentrations of 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air are not exceeded outside of the lead control area.
 - c. Include air sampling, training and strategy, sampling methodology, frequency, duration of sampling, and qualifications of air monitoring personnel in the air sampling portion on the plan.
4. Field Test Reports: Monitoring Results: Submit monitoring results to the Contracting Officer within 3 working days, signed by the testing laboratory employee performing the air monitoring, the employee that analyzed the sample, and the CIH.
 5. Records:
 - a. Completed and signed hazardous waste manifest from treatment or disposal facility.
 - b. Certification of Medical Examinations.
 - c. Employee training certification.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

- A. PAINT REMOVAL PRODUCTS: Submit applicable Material Safety Data Sheets for paint removal products used in paint removal work. Use the least toxic product, suitable for the job and acceptable to the Industrial Hygienist.
- B. POWER TOOL HEPA ATTACHMENTS AND SHROUDS: Submit all applicable documentation identifying attachments and shrouds to be used with power tools to limit worker exposure during demolition and installation of fan coil units.
- C. Sanders, grinders, wire brushes and needle gun removal equipment shall be equipped with a HEPA filtered vacuum dust pick-up system.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 PROTECTION

- A. Notification: Notify the Contracting Officer 20 days prior to the start of any paint removal or disturbance work.
- B. Lead Control Area Requirements.
 1. Establish a lead control area by completely enclosing with containment screens the area or structure where lead-containing paint removal or disturbance operations will be performed.

2. Contain removal operations by the use of a negative pressure full containment system with at least one change room and with HEPA filtered exhaust.
- C. Protection of Existing Work to Remain: Perform paint removal work without damage or contamination of adjacent areas. Where existing work is damaged or contaminated, restore work to its original condition.
- D. Boundary Requirements: Provide physical boundaries around the lead control area by roping off the area or providing curtains, portable partitions or other enclosures to ensure that airborne concentrations of lead will not reach 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air outside of the lead control area.
- E. Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems: Shut down, lock out, and isolate HVAC systems that supply, exhaust, or pass through the lead control areas. Seal intake and exhaust vents in the lead control area with 6-mil plastic sheet and tape. Seal seams in HVAC components that pass through the lead control area.
- F. Change Room and Shower Facilities: Provide clean change rooms and shower facilities within the physical boundary around the designated lead control area in accordance with requirements of 29 CFR 1926.62.
- G. Mechanical Ventilation System:
 1. Use adequate ventilation to control personnel exposure to lead in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.57.
 2. To the extent feasible, use fixed local exhaust ventilation connected to HEPA filters or other collection systems, approved by the industrial hygienist. Local exhaust ventilation systems shall be designed, constructed, installed, and maintained in accordance with ANSI Z9.2.
 3. If air from exhaust ventilation is recirculated into the work place, the system shall have a high efficiency filter with reliable back-up filter and controls to monitor the concentration of lead in the return air and to bypass the recirculation system automatically if it fails. Air may be recirculated only where exhaust to the outside is not feasible.
- H. Personnel Protection: Personnel shall wear and use protective clothing and equipment as specified herein. Eating, smoking, or drinking is not permitted in the lead control area. No one will be permitted in the lead control area unless they have been given appropriate training and protective equipment.
- I. Warning Signs: Provide warning signs at approaches to lead control areas. Locate signs at such a distance that personnel may read the sign

and take the necessary precautions before entering the area. Signs shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.62.

3.2 WORK PROCEDURES

- A. Perform removal of lead-containing paint in accordance with approved lead-containing paint removal plan. Use procedures and equipment required to limit occupational and environmental exposure to lead when lead- containing paint is removed in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.62, except as specified herein. Dispose of removed paint chips and associated waste in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), federal, state, and local requirements.
- B. Personnel Exiting Procedures:
 - 1. Whenever personnel exit the lead-controlled area, they shall perform the following procedures and shall not leave the work place wearing any clothing or equipment worn during the work day:
 - a. Vacuum themselves off.
 - b. Remove protective clothing in the decontamination room, and place them in an approved impermeable disposal bag.
 - c. Shower.
 - d. Change to clean clothes prior to leaving the physical boundary designated around the lead-contaminated job site.
- C. Monitoring: Monitoring of airborne concentrations of lead shall be in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1025 and as specified herein. Air monitoring, testing, and reporting shall be performed by a CIH or an Industrial Hygiene (IH) Technician who is under the direction of the CIH:
 - 1. The CIH or the IH Technician under the direction of the CIH shall be on the job site directing the monitoring, and inspecting the lead-containing paint removal work to ensure that the requirements of the Contract have been satisfied during the entire lead-containing paint removal operation.
 - 2. Take personal air monitoring samples on employees who are anticipated to have the greatest risk of exposure as determined by the CIH. In addition, take air monitoring samples on at least 25 percent of the work crew or a minimum of two employees, whichever is greater, during each work shift.
 - 3. Submit results of air monitoring samples, signed by the CIH, within 24 hours after the air samples are taken. Notify the Contracting Officer immediately of exposure to lead at or in excess of the action level of 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air outside of the lead control area.
- D. Monitoring During Paint Removal Work:

1. Perform personal and area monitoring during the entire paint removal operation. Sufficient area monitoring shall be conducted at the physical boundary to ensure unprotected personnel are not exposed above 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air at all times. If the outside boundary lead levels are at or exceed 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air, work shall be stopped and the CIH shall immediately correct the condition(s) causing the increased levels and notify the Contracting Officer immediately.
2. The CIH shall review the sampling data collected on that day to determine if condition(s) requires any further change in work methods. Removal work shall resume when approval is given by the CIH. The Contractor shall control the lead level outside of the work boundary to less than 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air at all times. As a minimum, conduct area monitoring daily on each shift in which lead paint removal operations are performed in areas immediately adjacent to the lead control area.
3. For outdoor operations, at least one sample on each shift shall be taken on the downwind side of the lead control area. If adjacent areas are contaminated, clean and visually inspect contaminated areas. The CIH shall certify that the area has been cleaned of lead contamination.

3.3 LEAD-CONTAINING PAINT REMOVAL

- A. Stabilize paint within the areas designated on the drawings in order to completely remove all loose and flaking paint. Take whatever precautions are necessary to minimize damage to the underlying substrate.
- B. Indoor Lead Paint Removal: Select paint removal processes to minimize contamination of work areas with lead-contaminated dust or other lead-contaminated debris/waste. This paint removal process should be described in the lead-containing paint removal plan. Perform manual wet sanding and scraping to the maximum extent feasible.

3.4 SURFACE PREPARATIONS

Avoid flash rusting or other deterioration of the substrate. Provide surface preparations for painting in accordance with Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

3.5 CLEANUP AND DISPOSAL

- A. Cleanup: Maintain surfaces of the lead control area free of accumulations of paint chips and dust. Restrict the spread of dust and debris; keep waste from being distributed over the work area. Do not dry sweep or use compressed air to clean up the area. At the end of each shift and when the paint removal operation has been completed, clean the

area of visible lead paint contamination by vacuuming with a HEPA filtered vacuum cleaner and wet mopping the area.

- B. Certification: The CIH shall certify in writing that the inside and outside the lead control area air monitoring samples are less than 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air, the respiratory protection for the employees was adequate, the work procedures were performed in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.62, and that there were no visible accumulations of lead-contaminated paint and dust on the worksite. Do not remove the lead control area or roped-off boundary and warning signs prior to the Contracting Officer's receipt of the CIH's certification. Reclean areas showing dust or residual paint chips.
- C. Testing of Lead-Containing Paint Residue and Used Abrasive Where indicated or when directed by the Contracting Officer, test lead containing paint residue and used abrasive in accordance with 40 CFR 261 for hazardous waste.
- D. Disposal:
 - 1. Collect lead-contaminated waste, scrap, debris, bags, containers, equipment, and lead-contaminated clothing, which may produce airborne concentrations of lead particles.
 - 2. Store removed paint, lead-contaminated clothing and equipment, and lead-contaminated dust and cleaning debris into U.S. Department of Transportation (49 CFR 178) approved 55-gallon drums. Properly label each drum to identify the type of waste (49 CFR 172) and the date lead-contaminated wastes were first put into the drum. Obtain and complete the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest forms from Activity Staff Civil Engineer. Comply with land disposal restriction notification requirements as required by 40 CFR 268:
 - a. At least 14 days prior to delivery, notify the Contracting Officer who will arrange for job site inspection of the drums and manifests by [PWC Hazardous Waste Storage Facility personnel].
 - b. As necessary, make lot deliveries of hazardous wastes to the PWC Hazardous Waste Storage Facility to ensure that drums do not remain on the jobsite longer than 90 calendar days from the date affixed to each drum.
 - c. Collect lead-contaminated waste, scrap, debris, bags, containers, equipment, and lead-contaminated clothing which may produce airborne concentrations of lead particles. Label the containers in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.62. Dispose of lead-contaminated waste material at an EPA approved hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility off Government property.

- d. Store waste materials in U.S. Department of Transportation (49 CFR 178) approved 55-gallon drums. Properly label each drum to identify the type of waste (49 CFR 172) and the date the drum was filled. The Contracting Officer or an authorized representative will assign an area for interim storage of waste-containing drums. Do not store hazardous waste drums in interim storage longer than 90 calendar days from the date affixed to each drum.
- e. Handle, store, transport, and dispose lead or lead-contaminated waste in accordance with 40 CFR 260, 40 CFR 261, 40 CFR 262, 40 CFR 263, 40 CFR 264, and 40 CFR 265. Comply with land disposal restriction notification requirements as required by 40 CFR 268.
- E. Disposal Documentation Submit written evidence that the hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility (TSD) is approved for lead disposal by the EPA and state or local regulatory agencies. Submit one copy of the completed manifest, signed and dated by the initial transporter in accordance with 40 CFR 262.

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**CONTRACTOR SCOPE OF WORK
VA MEDICAL CENTER PROVIDENCE, RI
650-12-112
Replace Existing Generators – Phase II**

1.0 GENERAL:

Provide professional services to include all labor, transportation, materials, apparatus, tools, equipment and permits necessary to provide new automatic transfer switches and related wiring, devices and programming related to connecting the exterior generator paralleling switchboard at building 26 to the building 1 emergency power distribution system.

VA Project Manager: Mark Perino

Telephone # (401) 273-7100 ext. 1546

2. PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK:

After award, but prior to the start of any field work, the contractor shall contact the VA Project Manager to review proposed methods and plans for completion of work and to review infection control procedures, interim life safety procedures, above ceiling and wall penetration permits, hot work permits and the contractor's site-specific safety plan. Field work shall not commence until these plans have been submitted, accepted and/or approved as detailed below.

- 2.1 Provide a new two hour rated emergency electrical room with new 480V life safety, critical and emergency switchboards, new 480V automatic transfer switches (ATS), new 208V step down transformers and new emergency feeders and new emergency panel boards for the existing emergency power risers in building #1.
- 2.2 Cut over of the 480V and 208V emergency feeders from the existing Russelectric emergency generator switchboard located in the exterior Russelectric enclosure to a new interior emergency distribution system located in the basement of building #1. This will include new, conduit, wire, wall penetrations as well as interior and exterior junction boxes.
- 2.3 Provide new power feeders from the new electrical room to the ATS switchboard room, building #1- B wing and the exterior Russelectric emergency generator switchboard.
- 2.4 Provide all auxiliary wiring and controls necessary for the proper operation of the new generators.
- 2.5 Provide new controls and equipment in the existing generator control cubicles in the exterior Russelectric emergency generator switchboard to control the new Automatic Transfer Switches in conjunction with the existing generators #1, #2, #3 and #4. All control work or related devices or equipment or programming shall be performed by Russelectric, Inc. the equipment manufacturer.
- 2.6 Provide all necessary programming to update the existing Russelectric control sequences at the emergency generator switchboard. All control work or related devices or equipment or programming shall be performed by Russelectric, Inc. the equipment manufacturer.
- 2.7 The contractor shall provide, as part of his work, onsite training to VA personnel on all aspects of the project. This will include operation and maintenance of the generators, transfer switches and the emergency generator switchboard. In addition to all other training and instruction described

elsewhere in the contract documents, the contractor shall provide one additional eight (8) hour days training each for the generators and the emergency switchboard/ATS installations.

2.8 Temporary power will be required on site to provide backup to each normal or emergency feeder as it is cut over to prevent loss of service. The contractor shall provide temporary diesel driven generators and all related power and control wiring for this purpose as well as additional temporary emergency distribution panel boards and wiring as required to maintain normal and emergency services. This includes temporary power distribution panels and all related wiring. The generator requirement shall be 500KW- 3phase, 4 wire at 208V and 480V. The contractor shall connect his temporary emergency power generator to the existing or new 208V or 480V ATS's in coordination with the VA. A plan for temporary power and its phasing shall be submitted to the VA for review and approval prior to any work.

3.0 SUBMITTALS

Prior to commencing any work, the Contractor shall submit to and receive approval of the VAMC Providence, RI for the following:

- Complete and detailed Schedule of Values for the project.
- Complete construction schedule for the project.
- Certification from the Contractor/Installer that the system specified meets all identified code and insurance requirements as required by the Government.
- All ICRA, ISLM and other work permits required by the VAMC.

Upon completion of construction work and before submitting invoice for final payment, provide to the VAMC Providence, RI the following:

- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all materials used in the construction of the work.
- Operation and Maintenance Manuals for new equipment
- As-built drawings

4.0 CODE REQUIREMENTS

All work shall comply with the requirements of the current and applicable state and local codes.

5.0 BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

A pre-bid meeting will be held on site prior to the submission of proposal.

6.0 WARRANTIES

- Provide warranties as described in the contract specifications
- The facility provides medical care to veterans 24 hours per day on every day of the year and therefore all building systems must be operating and functioning at all times. In the event that warranty service is required during the warranty period of any portion of the work provided as part of this contract, the Contractor shall respond within 4 hours after notification that warranty service and/or repairs are required. Contractor response shall include dispatch of appropriate skilled trade personnel with the necessary materials, tools and equipment that shall arrive on site within 4 hours after notification of the need for warranty service. The Contractor shall provide a single point of contact that is available

24 hours per day on every day of the year to receive notification of the need for warranty service. The requirement to respond within 4 hours of warranty service notification may be waived by the Government if, at its sole discretion and judgment, the need for warranty service does not constitute an emergency.

7.0 PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

Work hours for this project are:

- ☐ 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday
- ☐ All power interruptions and cutovers shall be scheduled at the VAMC's convenience and shall take place on weekends and between the hours of 9:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

Work shall commence upon receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the government and shall be completed within 300 calendar days after receipt of Notice to Proceed.

8.0 WORK LOCATION AND RESTRICTIONS:

The work site location is at the Providence VA Medical Center in Providence, RI. The contract work is intended to be performed at Building #1 and Building #26.

All work shall be performed between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, holidays excepted, unless other times are arranged in advance and approved in writing by the Project Manager. When the contractor's work interferes with hospital functions, such as when work produces excessive noise, odors, dust, utility service interruptions, or other interferences with normal hospital operations that cannot be contained within the area of work, the contractor shall perform said work at other than normal hours and as directed by the Project Manager.

9.0 PARKING:

Parking is rigidly controlled throughout the Medical Center. Parking of privately-owned vehicles by contractor personnel is prohibited on the hospital campus and is only allowed at the Davis Park location off Chalkstone Avenue. Parking in designated patient parking areas is strictly prohibited. Parking on grass is also prohibited. Parking for equipment necessary to perform the work will be authorized in advance of starting the project. Parking passes will be issued by the VA Police. Parking by contractors will be regulated in accordance with Providence VA Medical Center Policy Memorandum 07B-3 entitled Registration of Privately Owned Vehicles at Attachment G.

10.0 STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS:

The contractor shall arrange with the Project Manager for allocation of required workspace and for the storage of equipment and material to be used for this project. Storage space is very limited. There are no exclusive areas within the campus that can be given to the contractor for their storage needs. Additionally, no space will be made available for the placement of a contractor trailer for this project. The Contractor should schedule delivery of materials to limit the amount of storage space and time.

11.0 DEBRIS REMOVAL

The Contractor/Installer shall be required to remove waste materials and debris daily from the campus. All waste material and debris shall be removed off the site by the contractor and shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations.

12.0 SITE UTILITIES:

The Contractor/Installer should note this scope of work does not detail all existing structures, utilities, or components that may potentially interfere with the contract work required. The contractor shall note any obstruction, utility, or condition that may hinder or interfere with the execution of this contract and the contractor shall make provisions in their contract price to resolve such interferences and other conditions that may hinder the proper completion of the work. All proposed utility relocations, reallocations, and shutdowns shall be approved by the Project Manager prior to commencing such work. The contractor shall verify all existing utility installations and take appropriate action prior to working around any potential utility installation.

In the event a shutdown, restriction, or interruption of any utility services is required, a written request must be submitted (at least 15 calendar days in advance) and approved by the VA Project Manager. All utility shutdowns must be reviewed and approved by the VA.

13.0 INFECTION CONTROL:

All work shall be performed in accordance with the Construction Specifications for Infection Control of the Providence VA Medical Center, which is attached (Attachment B). For purposes of this project, the work shall be considered Class 1 and shall be accomplished using the controls indicated in the specifications and on the Infection Control Construction Permit attached. No work shall proceed until an Infection Control Construction Permit has been completed and signed and all protective measures required by the permit are in place.

14.0 PROJECT SAFETY:

Contractor shall comply with the Contractor Safety Manual of the Providence VAMC, dated January 2009 (Attachment A). The US Army Corps of Engineers Safety and Health Requirements Manual, EM 385-1-1, is incorporated by reference and the contractor shall comply with the requirements of this manual. In the event of a conflict between the requirements of EM 385-1-1 and the Providence VAMC Contractor Safety Manual, the more stringent requirements shall apply.

Obtain a Crane Permit when use of a crane is intended. Comply with requirements of Providence VA Medical Center Facilities Management Service SOP Policy Memo 138-16 at Attachment H.

Contractor shall submit a site-specific Safety Plan that provide project-and site-specific activity hazard analyses and accident prevention plans. The Contractor's site-specific Safety plan shall be submitted to the VA for information purposes. The Safety Plan shall conform to the requirements of FAR 52.236-13 and shall include, as a minimum, provisions for the following:

- Site access and control to restrict access by unauthorized persons and allow for separation of VA staff, patients and visitors from construction personnel.
- Site security to restrict unauthorized entry by contractor personnel into areas of building 1 determined by the VA to be non-accessible; and to address the need for identification badges to be worn by construction personnel; key control; and loading/unloading of materials and wastes.
- The contractor's substance abuse policy and training requirements

- Contractor's plan for site safety and health inspections
- Contractor's plan for safety and health training
- Contractor's site-specific fall protection program
- Contractor's site-specific electrical safety plan
- Contractor's requirements for use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Contractor's accident reporting and investigation program. The contractor shall submit a written incident report to the VA Project Manager within 24 hours after any accident, injury, occupational illness, or other safety-related incident occurs, regardless of how minor the nature of the incident.
- Contractor's emergency action plan and fire prevention and protection plan, to include training of contractor personnel in the provisions of these plans.
- Contractor's minimum safety training requirements for its personnel and the personnel of its sub-contractors.
- Contractor's requirements for sub-contractor conformance to the site-specific Safety Plan
- Identity of the Contractor's designated "Competent Person" as defined by 29 CFR 1926 (OSHA Construction Industry Regulations). The contractor shall provide a Competent Person who shall be on the project site during activities when the expertise of the designated Competent Person is required.
- Contractor's protocol for inspections by regulatory agencies.

15.0 PENETRATIONS OF FIRE AND SMOKE BARRIERS:

1. Prior to any installation of equipment, cables, power connections, conduit, piping or other work that penetrates a smoke or fire barrier, all such work must be approved by Facilities Management Service (FMS) of the VAMC Providence. A penetration permit must be secured from FMS prior to disturbing the integrity of the barrier. The permit must be available for inspection at the project location (Attachment D). After the work is completed, the penetration must be repaired (sealed) according to accepted practice and utilizing materials (including UL/FM-listed through penetration fire stopping materials) that meet the original barrier construction requirements in order to restore the designed specifications for smoke and fire compartmentalization. All penetrations and miscellaneous openings must be protected according to NFPA 101, Chapter 8.
2. Ensure that all penetrations made in fire resistance assemblies of the existing hospital building, to include smoke barriers, fire separation assemblies, and fire walls, are properly fire stopped within 4 hours after making the penetration.
3. Identify through-penetration fire stop systems with pressure-sensitive, self-adhesive, preprinted vinyl labels. Attach labels permanently to surfaces of penetrated construction on both sides of each fire stop system installation where labels will be visible to anyone seeking to remove penetrating items or fire stop systems. Include the following information on labels:
 - The words: "Warning -Through Penetration Fire stop System-Do Not Disturb. Notify Building Management of Any Damage."
 - Contractor's Name, address, and phone number.
 - Through-Penetration fire stop system designation of applicable testing and inspecting agency.
 - Date of Installation.
 - Through-Penetration fire stop system manufacturer's name.
 - Installer's Name.
4. Upon completion of any penetration fire stopping, a visual inspection for approval must be requested from, and completed by FMS.

16.0 INTERIM LIFE SAFETY PROTECTION MEASURES:

Contractor shall participate with the VA in the preparation of an interim life safety measures and fire protection Plan (Attachment E) that will be implemented during construction of this project. At a minimum, contractor shall comply with the following requirements of an interim life safety measures and fire protection plan:

- Ensure exits provide free and unobstructed egress for all building occupants. If required by contractor's operations, establish and mark alternate means of egress for all building occupants.
- Contractor shall maintain escape facilities from the work area for construction workers at all times. Means of egress in construction areas will be inspected daily.
- Ensure free and unobstructed access to all areas of the project site for emergency services and for emergency forces.
- Ensure that means of egress and existing fire alarm, detection, and suppression systems are not impaired by contractor's operations.
- When required, a fire watch shall be by a qualified person provided by the contractor who shall maintain constant observation of the affected area and have no other duties. The person providing the fire watch shall be trained in fire prevention and in the use of fire extinguishers, occupant hose lines, occupant fire protection system, in sounding the building fire alarm and in notifying the local fire department, and in understanding the particular fire safety situation for the project.
- Provide written procedures and guidelines for construction personnel and post in the immediate areas of construction detailing what to do and who to call in the event of fire or emergency.
- Provide signs to identify exit access, exits, and exit discharges as needed for interim life safety measures that are required for the contractor's work.
- Maintain the construction area to minimize the potential for fire or safety hazards resulting from storage of construction material, construction waste and debris during construction operations.
- All temporary construction shall be built of noncombustible/fire retardant materials and shall be smoke tight.
- Ensure that all penetrations made in fire resistance assemblies of the existing hospital building, to include smoke barriers, fire separation assemblies, and fire walls, are properly fire stopped within 4 hours after making the penetration.

17.0 PREVENTION OF FALSE FIRE ALARMS:

Contractor shall comply with the requirements to prevent false fire alarms as provided in Attachment F. Contractor shall provide a fire watch when impairment of the fire alarm system exceeds 4 hours in a 24 hour period.

Sprinkler systems will not be shut down except for portions of the sprinkler system under renovation, modification or construction, or for new connections to the sprinkler system. Sprinkler systems will not be shut down to avoid accidental discharge of the sprinkler system caused by unintentional damage to the sprinkler system from construction activity. Provide metal head guards at each sprinkler head within the limits of work.

18.0 MATERIAL & WORKMANSHIP QUALITY:

All materials and workmanship shall comply with all codes, standards, and recommendations of all Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). All work shall be done in a first class manner according to the best trade practices and to the satisfaction of the Project Manager.

19.0 SECURITY:

All contractor personnel shall obtain a short-term identification badge issued by the Project Manager. Such badge shall be worn by the individual and prominently displayed at all times while on VA property. No employee of the contractor shall enter the project site without a valid identification badge issued by the VA. In order to obtain a short-term identification badge, contractor personnel shall present to the Project Manager a valid (non-expired) photo identification issued by a US federal, state or local government agency.

All contractor personnel are subject to inspection of personal effects when entering or leaving the project site.

20.0 UTILITY SERVICES

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 the Project Manager.

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 the Medical Center. 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 the Medical Center Project Manager, in writing, a minimum of 15 calendar days in advance of proposed interruption. A minimum of 15 calendar days is required by Medical Center staff to assess interruption impacts and to prepare mitigation measures; therefore, the requirement to make utility interruption requests a minimum of 15 calendar days in advance of the planned interruption will not be waived. Request shall state specific details of the interruption to include identification of the utility system and device to be interrupted, its location, 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 that such interruption will cause least inconvenience to activities of Medical Center. Interruption time approved by Medical Center will occur at other than Contractor's normal working hours unless the VA determines that the interruption is of a minor nature and will not cause inconvenience to hospital activities.

4. If the Medical Center determines that the requested interruption is of a minor nature and will not cause inconvenience to hospital activities, the Medical Center may allow the interruption to proceed in less than 15 calendar days after receipt of the contractor's request for interruption.
5. Contractor shall not manipulate any utility device that will interrupt any utility service. Medical Center staff will operate utility devices to initiate and to terminate an approved utility service interruption. Contractor shall comply with lock out/tag out procedures.
6. In case of a contract construction emergency, service will be interrupted on approval of Project Manager. Such approval will be confirmed in writing as soon as practical.

21.0 ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Contractor Safety Manual of the Providence VAMC, dated January 2009.
- B – Construction Specifications for Infection Control
- C – Infection Control Construction Permit
- D - Fire/Smoke Wall Penetration Permit
- E – Interim Life Safety Procedures
- F - Fire Systems Protection during Construction
- G – Registration of Privately Owned Vehicles
- H - Cranes

ATTACHMENT A

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INTRODUCTION

All contractors, Project Managers, and employees engaged in construction activities at the PVAMC must be aware of the construction safety requirements outlined in this manual.

The implementation of construction safety programs will minimize the potential for injuries and illnesses to our patients, employees and visitors from unsafe construction activities conducted by contractors and VA employees, including operations and maintenance crews, permanent construction crews and temporary purchase and hire staff.

It is the policy of the VHA to protect patients, staff, visitors and contractors from safety and health hazards associated with construction activity on VA/VHA property and leased property at which VA-funded construction is occurring.

Construction activities are defined as those that include VHA projects performed by employees or contractors and enhanced use lease projects within structures fully managed by VHA or within the purview of VHA authority.

Safety is a philosophy and a practice that identifies and eliminates job site hazards throughout the lifecycle of a project and discourages work practices and equipment that place individuals at risk of injury.

This manual outlines programs and procedures to maintain a healthy environment of care for our patients and a safe and healthy worksite for employees, visitors and contractors during construction activities.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Standard Safety and Security Rules

The following are some reasons for which an employee of a contractor may be temporarily or permanently removed from Medical Center premises:

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or regulated drugs not prescribed by a physician
- Possession of explosives, firearms, ammunition, and other weapons
- Deliberate violation of safety or security rules
- Illegal dumping, handling, or disposal of hazardous materials
- Destruction or removal, without written permission, of any property belonging to Providence VAMC, the property owner, employee, or other contractors or employees
- Failure to follow the directions or instructions of a VA Police Officer, VA Project Manager or VA Project Manager
- Failure to wear in a visible manner a facility issued identification badge
- Intimidating, threatening, harassing, impeding or interfering with an inspector, security officer, or Providence VAMC employee or designated representative
- Using emergency exits other than for emergencies
- Misuse of fire prevention and protection equipment
- Unauthorized removal or destruction of a safety barricade, handrail, guardrail, warning sign, fall protection, or other warning devices intended to protect PVAMC's students, faculty, employees, neighbors or property.

For additional information on safety guidelines that are related to security issues, you may refer to the Providence VAMC Police Department

1.2 Safety Permits and Procedures

The following operations may present a hazard to PVAMC employees, visitors, patients, neighbors or property. Therefore, you must obtain written approval through the Providence VAMC Project Manager before:

- Working on fire protection/detection systems
- Penetrating any smoke/fire barrier wall
- Performing burning, welding, cutting, soldering, or other hot work
- Performing any work above an existing finished ceiling
- Obstructing an exit door or any exit path within any building
- Obstructing access to the hospital by emergency services
- Working on electrical, steam, chilled water systems or other energized systems
- Moving emergency equipment (fire extinguishers, first aid kits, etc.) provided by PVAMC
- Installing a temporary electrical service
- Working with hazardous chemicals (including solvents and paints)
- Generating hazardous wastes (including waste oil)
- Using powder actuated tools
- Using a gas, diesel, or LP (propane) powered engine indoors
- Operating a power vehicle or self-propelled work platform
- Excavation/trenching
- Using radioactive sources or conducting field radiography (x-ray)
- Working with asbestos-containing materials
- Working on security systems
- Working with compressed air/gases
- Using a laser
- Working on a fume or biological hood
- Working on a solvent storage cabinet
- Working on heating, ventilation, or air conditioning equipment
- Working on a roof
- Lifting or hoisting with cranes, derricks, hoists or helicopter
- Performing blasting operations

Special Rules for Operations Involving Utilities:

- Only Providence VAMC Facilities Operations may shut down or start up operating utilities.
- You must notify your Project Manager, who will coordinate with Providence VAMC Facilities Operations, *in advance* of the need for such shutdowns or startups.

Special Rules for Lockout/Tagout of Machinery, Pipes, etc.:

- If you intend to service or maintain machinery that could hurt someone if it were to unexpectedly start up, you must inform the Providence VAMC Project Manager of the Lockout/Tagout procedures you intend to follow.
- See Section 3.3 on Lockout/Tagout generally.

1.3 Housekeeping

You must maintain good housekeeping. You must keep work areas neat, clean, orderly and free of excess trash and debris and never block walkways, stairs, exits, or create a tripping hazard. Cover and/or place guardrails around open holes, trenches, or excavations into which PVAMC's visitors, patients, or employees may fall. Poor housekeeping at a job site may lead to an increased potential for safety hazards and an increased incidence of accidents and chemical spills.

1.4 Accident, Incident, Injury, or Illness

After notifying the appropriate emergency agency (e.g., 9-1-1), work related accidents, incidents, injuries, and illnesses must be immediately reported to the Providence VAMC Project Manager or representative. The Contractor is responsible for notifying OSHA for any incidents that are reportable to that agency.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

2.1 Hazardous Waste Management

Hazardous waste generated by a Contractor as part of its work must be properly identified, stored and disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws. The Contractor must coordinate with its Providence VAMC representative to provide a list of hazardous waste(s) to be generated during the project, and to determine the location(s) available for hazardous waste storage. The Contractor must also ensure, at a minimum, proper labeling, adequate secondary containment, segregation of incompatible materials and routine inspection of storage areas as required by law. In addition, all hazardous waste containers shall be constructed of a material that is compatible with the waste, shall be in sound condition, and shall be kept securely closed at all times in accordance with applicable regulations. Containers and/or tanks used to store hazardous wastes must be managed in accordance with applicable regulations and must be inspected daily.

The Contractor is responsible for completing all disposal documents, which may include, but are not limited to, waste profiles, waste analytical samples and hazardous waste manifests. Providence VAMC shall be designated as the Generator on all documents and shall be provided with copies of all waste analyses, land disposal restriction forms and related documentation. Copies of all disposal documents shall be submitted to the Project Manager for review at least 5 days prior to shipment. The Project Manager or an EH&S representative will sign the manifests as the Generator. At the time of shipment, the Contractor shall provide the bottom three copies of the manifest to the Project Manager or the PVAMC EH&S representative for distribution to the appropriate agencies.

Contractor employees must be appropriately trained in hazardous waste procedures. In the event a Contractor encounters previously unidentified material that is reasonably believed to be radioactive, volatile, corrosive, flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, toxic, hazardous, asbestos containing or oil-based, the Contractor shall immediately stop work in the affected area and report the condition to the Project Manager. At no time shall such material be disposed of in chutes, dumpsters, drains, pipes or any other waste container. The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Project Manager and any consultants engaged by the Project Manager to perform services with respect to the analysis, detection, removal, containment, treatment and disposal of such regulated materials.

2.9 Transport of Hazardous Materials

All transportation of hazardous materials while on Providence VAMC property shall be conducted in accordance with USDOT Hazardous Materials Regulations for proper packaging, marking/labeling, handling, documentation, etc. At no time should hazardous materials be transported via public or private roads at Providence VAMC in a manner that could result in an unsafe condition for personnel or the environment.

2.10 Spill Prevention and Control

Providence VAMC's Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Program establishes Medical Center-wide procedures for the prevention and detection of spills and/or releases of oil or hazardous materials, including the following:

- Based on the inventory of oil and hazardous chemicals that will be brought on-site, the Contractor shall have available equipment (e.g., secondary containment pallets, absorbent pads, absorbent booms, speedi-dry) that is suitable and sufficient to control a potential spill/release.
- The Contractor is responsible for identifying conveyances to the environment (e.g., sumps, storm/floor drains, etc.) and adequately minimizing spill potential to these areas.
- The Contractor is responsible for the proper storage of all flammable and combustible chemicals that are brought and/or stored on site to complete the work of this contract. Such storage may require the use of safety containers, safety cabinets, and/or secondary containment. The Contractor shall also ensure that any incompatible chemicals are safely segregated. The Contractor is responsible for maintaining and securing all chemical containers and all chemical storage areas. This requires selecting locations and methods to minimize exposure to rainfall, surface water, and the ground surface or subsurface. Enclosures, shelters, and secondary containment should be used where appropriate.
- The Contractor must use appropriate protective procedures such as double containment, employee training, overflow protection, and other measures as part of activities involving the use, storage, or handling of petroleum products or hazardous materials on Providence VAMC Property.
- The Contractor must ensure that his/her employees are adequately trained in spill procedures outlined below. The Medical Center's SPCC Program also establishes reporting requirements in the event of a spill or release of oil or hazardous materials. In the event of a release or spill, the Contractor must follow all of the reporting requirements of the SPCC Program as specified below:

(1) The Contractor shall extinguish all sources of ignition and isolate incompatibles or reactive chemical substances.

(2) The Contractor shall determine if the spill/release is incidental or non-incidental.

(3) For incidental spills/releases:

- ◆ The Contractor shall attempt to stop or contain the spill/release at the source provided that doing so does not endanger anyone.
- ◆ The Contractor shall prevent discharge of materials to environmental receptors including drains, sumps, soil, etc.
- ◆ The Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Manager of all incidental spills/releases.
- ◆ The Contractor is responsible for the proper collection, storage and disposal of waste materials in compliance with EPA and R.I. DEM regulations and in cooperation with the Project Manager.

(4) For non-incidental spills/release:

- ◆ The Contractor shall immediately report the spill/release to the Medical Center's Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Department who will advise you on the need for initiating contact with spill response vendors.
- ◆ The Contractor shall follow the steps for incidental spill/releases identified in item (3) above, provided that it is safe to do so.
- ◆ PVAMC's EH&S Department will coordinate ALL reporting to outside agencies and will conduct follow-up written notifications if necessary.
- ◆ The Contractor will conduct an incident analysis and coordinate with the Project Manager and the PVAMC EH&S Department on any actions that are required to prevent recurrence.
- ◆ If it is deemed necessary to engage a professional spill cleanup company, the PVAMC EH&S Department will coordinate the cleanup through the Project Manager.

2.11 Pest Control

If a Contractor or his/her employees see evidence of cockroaches, mice, ants or other pests during the course of their work, they must notify the Project Manager immediately. The Contractor shall not use any insecticide products on Medical Center property unless such activities are part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so.

2.12 Air Emissions

Combustion Units

[Combustion units include, but are not limited to, boilers, heaters, emergency generators and kilns.]

1. "Incidental" spills meet **ALL** of the following criteria: 1) personnel are familiar with the hazards associated with the spilled material; 2) containment/response does not pose potential health and safety hazards (e.g. fire, explosion or chemical exposure); 3) a small quantity (less than 10 gallons) of material is spilled/release which **DOES NOT** reach the environment or pose potential

health and hazardous; and 4) spilled/release material can be readily absorbed, neutralized, or otherwise controlled at the time of release by employees in the immediate area or by maintenance personnel.

“Non-incidenta” spills include 1) major spills/release (e.g. greater than 10 gallons) that do not reach the environment or 2) any amount of spilled material that escapes to the environment (including drains, sumps, soil, etc.).

All Contractors must immediately report the following to the Project Manager:

- Any maintenance or repairs to a combustion unit that could result in a change in maximum heat input value or overall emissions (e.g. burner replacement or fuel conversions)

- Any conditions discovered which could have resulted in an increase on air pollutant emissions.

CFC Containing Units [CFC containing units include those containing any ozone depleting refrigerants including, but not limited to, Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) and Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC).]

Contractors shall immediately notify the Project Manager whenever they become aware of any unintentional or intentional release of CFCs above de-minimis levels as established by EPA regulators.

Contractors shall provide the following documentation to the Project Manager:

- EPA certifications for any reclaimers to which CFC products evacuated from Providence VAMC systems are to be sent.
- Certifications for any CFC recycle/recovery equipment to be used at PVAMC
- Technician Certifications

- Service records for all units containing greater than 50 pounds of refrigerant. Records must include the date and type of service and the type and quantity of refrigerant added.

Contractors shall immediately notify and provide documentation to the Project Manager whenever:

- A leak rate equals or exceeds 35% per year for commercial/industrial processes
- A leak rate equals or exceeds 15% per year for comfort cooling processes
- A release occurs of >100 pounds in a 24 hour period for CFC-12, CFC-113 and R-500. *Halon* Service providers shall immediately notify the Project Manager whenever it becomes aware of any unintentional or intentional release of halon.

2.13 Stormwater and Wastewater

Stormwater

Projects that disrupt over one (1) acre of land must adhere to the EPA’s Phase II stormwater requirements.

These projects are required to obtain a NPDES permit and implement best management practices. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining such permits before the start of work.

Wastewater

Providence VAMC’s wastewater discharge is regulated by Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC). The discharge of any wastewater must adhere to these permit requirements. These include but are not limited to:

- No discharge of mercury, silver or other metal-bearing wastewater
- No discharge of highly corrosive substances ($5 < \text{pH} < 10.5$)
- No discharge of flammable materials that could create a hazard for Providence VAMC personnel these are the only references that will be noted in the policy. or NBC treatment works personnel.

1.0 The Contractor must identify all wastewater streams for the Project Manager and obtain approval for drain discharge.

2.14 Biological/Chemical/Radioactivity Hazards

Some Providence VAMC operations involve the use of biological, chemical, or radioactive material that can be hazardous to PVAMC’s visitors, patients, or employees if not handled safely. Areas where work with biological, chemical, or radioactive materials is being performed will be marked with appropriate signs.

Do not enter these areas and do not handle hazardous biological, chemical, or radioactive material unless it is part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so.

2.15 Asbestos Containing Materials

Providence VAMC will have determined, before work is begun, the presence, location, and quantity of asbestos-containing or potentially asbestos-containing materials that would be specifically impacted by the work of your contract. The Providence VAMC Project Manager will provide a specific asbestos audit report for those work areas in question. The contractor shall not disturb asbestos-containing materials unless such activities are part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so. Asbestos abatement contractors should coordinate with the Project Manager and the Medical Center’s EH&S Department for specific requirements for asbestos abatement work.

The Contractor shall not disturb, damage or otherwise handle any *suspect* asbestos containing material. It is recommended that the following suspect materials be assumed to contain asbestos:

Cement Pipes, High Temperature Gaskets, Electrical Wiring Insulation
Cement Wallboard, Lab Hoods/Benches/Gloves, Chalkboards

Cement Wallboard, Fire Blankets/Curtains/Doors, Roofing Shingles and Felt
 Flooring, Backing, Elevator Equipment Panels, Base Flashing
 Construction Mastics, Elevator Brake Shoes, Thermal Paper Products
 Acoustical Plaster, HVAC Duct Insulation, Caulking/Putties
 Decorative Plaster, Boiler Insulation Adhesives
 Textured Paints/Coatings, Breeching, Insulation, Wallboard
 Ceiling Tiles and Lay-in Panels, Pipe Insulation, Joint Compound
 Spray-applied Insulation, Cooling Towers, Vinyl Wall Coverings
 Blown-in Insulation, Electrical Cloth, Asphalt Floor Tile
 Fireproofing Materials, Heating and Electrical Ducts, Vinyl Sheet Flooring
 Taping Compounds, Electrical Panel Partitions, Vinyl Floor Tile
 Packing Materials (wall/floor penetrations), Ductwork, Flexible Fabric, Connectors, Spackling Compounds
 The Contractor shall not sweep, dust, vacuum or mop dust or debris that is the product of a suspect asbestos containing material. The Contractor shall also not pick up or throw away any suspect asbestos-containing waste or trash. If it material that is suspected to be asbestos-containing is disturbed and becomes airborne, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Manager.
 If it is part of the Contractor's work, stripping of floor finishes shall be done using low abrasion pads at speeds lower than 300 rpm and wet methods shall be used. The Contractor shall take care not to overstrip floors and shall stop stripping immediately upon removal of the old surface coat. Sanding of flooring material is strictly prohibited unless it is part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so.
 Any suspect asbestos containing material that is observed by the Contractor to be crushed, ripped, broken or in any way damaged should be reported to the Project Manager immediately.
 Contractors must, within 24 hours, convey to the Providence VAMC Project Manager any information they newly discover concerning the presence, location and quantity of asbestos-containing or potentially asbestos-containing materials.

2.16 Lead Paint

Unless the Providence VAMC Project Manager provides a specific lead-paint inspection, Contractor's should assume that any painted surface they come in contact with is coated with lead-based paint. Therefore, Contractor's should not perform any intrusive, dust-generating work on painted surfaces (e.g. drilling, cutting, brazing, scraping, demolition), unless the surface has confirmed to be non-lead or unless such work is part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so.
 Any painted surfaces that have loose, flaking, and chipping or otherwise non-intact paint should not be impacted by the Contractor and should be reported to the Project Manager immediately.
 Lead paint abatement contractors should coordinate with the Project Manager and the Medical Center's EH&S Department for specific requirements for lead abatement work. Refer to the section of this manual on Hazardous Waste for guidelines on the proper disposal of lead containing paint.

3.0 OSHA SAFETY ISSUES

3.1 Hazardous Materials and Hazard Communication Hazardous Materials

- Do not handle or use hazardous materials without training by your company's representative.
- No solvents, paints, or similar flammable, toxic, or irritating materials may be used in areas occupied by Providence VAMC employees, visitors, or patients unless specifically approved in writing by the Providence VAMC Project Manager.
- Maintain adequate ventilation when paints or solvents are used.
- Use flammable solvents and materials with extreme caution.
- Store flammable paints and solvents in approved flammable liquid storage cabinets if inside buildings.

Hazard Communication

The Contractor shall submit an inventory of all hazardous chemicals that are brought on-site with accompanying Material Safety Data Sheets to the Project Manager. The Contractor shall also ensure that all containers that are brought on site for the storage of hazardous chemicals (e.g., gas, paint, etc.) are labeled and inspected in accordance with all applicable regulations. The Contractor shall remove all hazardous chemicals that it brings on-site when work involving a specific hazardous chemical is complete.
 The Contractor may request and review Material Safety Data Sheets for any chemicals that are encountered on Medical Center property during the performance of its work.

3.2 Confined Space Entry

Background

Providence VAMC has developed and implemented a Confined Space Entry Program to protect all Medical Center employees who are required to enter confined spaces. PVAMC's complete written program is available for review upon request to the Project Manager.

This Medical Center-wide program defines a "Confined Space" and an "Enclosed Space" in accordance with 29CFR §§ 1910.146 and 1910.269, respectively. Entrance into any of these spaces by a Contractor requires adherence with all applicable regulations as well as with certain Medical Center protocols as defined further below.

As part of the Confined Space Entry Program, the Medical Center performed hazard assessments, developed inventories and posted all confined and enclosed spaces at the point of entry. These postings include information on the classification of the space (e.g., "Permit Required", "Non-permit Required"), the confined space ID number, the location, the known hazards, and the minimum personal protective equipment needed for entry. Where available the Medical Center's experience with the confined space is also included on the signage. The Medical Center Confined Space Inventory and hazard assessment forms are available for review.

Requirements

- The Contractor is responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining his/her own Confined Space Entry Program, including provisions for emergency rescue in accordance with OSHA regulations as it applies to the work of this contract.
- If during the course of its work, the Contractor encounters a confined space that has not been previously identified by the Medical Center, it must immediately bring the space to the attention of the Project Manager and delay entry until Providence VAMC has examined the space.
- When both Medical Center personnel and Contractor personnel are working in or near confined spaces, the Contractor shall coordinate all operation with the affected Medical Center personnel before entry.
- Advance notification is always required. Whether you enter a confined space with a PVAMC employee or not, the Contractor's entry attendant must always first *inform* the Providence VAMC Project Coordinator *before* you enter a confined space.

The Contractor shall provide the Project Coordinator with:

- The exact location of the confined space and confined space ID number;
- The time of entry and approximate entry duration; and
- The names of authorized attendants and entrants.
- *After the entry:* If you have entered a "permit-required" confined space, you must, after the entry is concluded, notify Providence VAMC Project Coordinator of (1) the permit space program you followed and (2) any hazards you confronted or created in the space.

3.3 Lockout / Tagout

Providence VAMC protects its patients, visitors, employees, neighbors and property in part by complying with 29 CFR 1910.147 – Control of Hazardous Energy Sources (Lockout/Tagout). As part of PVAMC's Lockout/Tagout Program, standard locks and tags are used to control the start-up of equipment that is being serviced or maintained by its employees. At no time shall the Contractor or its employees override any locks or tags that they encounter during the performance of its work.

The Contractor is responsible for developing; implementing and maintaining his/her own Lockout/Tagout Program in accordance with OSHA regulations as it applies to the work of this contract. The Contractor shall submit a copy of its Lockout/Tagout Program to the Project Manager or Property Manager before the start of any work where 29 CFR 1910.147 is applicable. The only purpose of this submission is to ensure that, for the safety of PVAMC's students, faculty, employees, neighbors or property, the Contractor's Lockout/Tagout procedures are consistent with restrictions and prohibitions of PVAMC's Lockout/Tagout program.

- Providence VAMC Engineering and Utilities will shut down and start up utility systems.
- The Contractor will maintain a log of all machines and equipment that are locked out and/or tagged out during the performance of the work of this contract. This log shall identify the equipment that was worked on, the date that work was performed, and the name of the individual performing the work.

The Contractor will submit this log to the Project Manager on a monthly basis when Lockout/Tagout work is being performed.

3.4 General Electrical Safety

- Only qualified electricians are permitted to work on electrical systems and equipment that uses or controls electrical power.

- Do not operate electrical tools or equipment in wet areas or areas where potentially flammable dusts, vapors, or liquids are present, unless specifically approved for the location.
- Should a circuit breaker or other protective device "trip," ensure that a qualified electrician checks the circuit and equipment and corrects problems before resetting the breaker.
- Erect barriers and post warning signs to ensure non-authorized personnel stay clear of the work area.
- Report hazards (lack of protective guards or covers, damaged equipment, etc.) to the PVAMC Medical Center Project Manager immediately.
- Do not leave electrical boxes, switch gear, cabinets, or electrical rooms open when not directly attended. Insulate energized parts when covers have been removed or doors are ajar. Use of cardboard, plywood, or other flammable materials to cover energized circuits is prohibited.

3.5 Compressed Gas Cylinders

Compressed gases can pose a severe hazard to PVAMC's patients, visitors, employees, neighbors and property. Therefore, the following measures must be taken for their protection:

- Valve protection caps must be in place when compressed gas cylinders are transported, moved, or stored.
- Close cylinder valves and replace valve covers when work is complete and when cylinders are empty or moved.
- Secure compressed gas cylinders in an upright position in a welding cart or to a solid object (using chains, straps, or a rigid retaining bar). Secure compressed gas cylinders on an approved carrier while being transported.
- Keep cylinders at a safe distance or shielded from welding or cutting operations. Do not place cylinders where they can contact an electrical circuit.
- Keep oxygen and flammable gas regulators in proper working order and a wrench in position on the acetylene valve when in use. If not manifolded together, separate oxygen and flammable gas cylinders by 20 feet or a 5 foot high fireproof barrier.
- If a leak develops in a cylinder and it cannot be immediately corrected, move the cylinder to a safe location outside the building.
- Use only approved spark igniters to light torches.
- Cylinders must not be taken into or stored in confined spaces, including gang boxes and office/storage trailers.
- Do not store hoses and regulators in unventilated or closed containers or areas.
- Do not leave behind partially filled or empty cylinders. Always remove them from the site.

3.6 Powder-Actuated Tools

Powder-actuated tools can pose hazards to PVAMC's patients, visitors, employees, neighbors and property. Such tools are, therefore, not permitted in occupied Providence VAMC buildings without the approval of the PVAMC Medical Center Project Manager. In addition:

- Contractor's who operate powder-actuated tools must be properly trained in their use and carry a valid operator's card provided by the equipment manufacturer.
- Each powder-actuated tool must be stored in its own locked container when not being used.
- A sign at least 7 inches by 10 inches with bold face type reading "POWDER-ACTUATED TOOL IN USE" must be conspicuously posted when the tool is being used.
- Powder-actuated tools must be left unloaded until they are actually ready to be used.
- Powder-actuated tools must be inspected for obstructions or defects each day before use.
- All Powder-actuated tool operators must have and use appropriate personal protective equipment such as hard hats, safety goggles, safety shoes and ear protectors.

3.7 Welding, Cutting, and Brazing Hot Work Permit

- Obtain a permit from the Project Manager for each separate work activity and ensure that all conditions of the permit are met at all times. The permit must be obtained from the Contract Coordinator prior to the start of any welding/cutting/brazing work. In addition, the Contractor must also maintain its own hot work permit system in accordance with OSHA regulations.
- Remove combustible materials from the area before beginning work.
- Elevate oxygen/acetylene hoses seven feet above the work area or otherwise protect them from damage.
- Install anti-flash back (safety/check) valves in both the oxygen/acetylene hoses at the regulator.
- Shield adjacent areas with welding partitions.

- Have a second person stand by with an approved fire extinguisher for welding and burning operations in accordance with OSHA regulations and permit requirements. This person should remain in the area for a minimum of 30 minutes after the hot work is completed to ensure the site is cold.

3.8 Cranes and Rigging

Each crane, rigging, or hoist brought onto Providence VAMC property must have an annual inspection performed by a certified testing agency. Before operations begin on site, documentation, including a log book, must be provided to Providence VAMC Project Manager or its designee.

The operator is responsible for the proper placement of the crane in relationship to the load to be handled and the landing area so as to obtain the best rated lift capacity, and the installation and maintenance of crane swing radius protection.

All operators must possess a valid R.I. hoisting license. Documentation of this license shall be provided to the Providence VAMC Project Manager. At no time shall loads be hoisted by a non licensed operator.

3.9 Miscellaneous Additional Safety Rules for the Protection of PVAMC Patients, Visitors, Employees, Neighbors and Property

- Do not perform work over the heads of people or leave tools or equipment overhead.
- Isolate your work area with safety markers, tape barriers, blinker lights, etc.
- Report unsafe acts or conditions to your supervisor.

ATTACHMENT B

INFECTION CONTROL

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 DEFINITIONS

Construction Type A - Inspection and Non-Invasive Activities. Includes, but is not limited to: removal of ceiling tiles for visual inspection limited to 1 tile per 50 square feet; painting (but not sanding); wall covering; electrical trim work; minor plumbing; and activities which do not generate dust or require cutting of walls or access to ceilings other than for visual inspection.

Construction Type B - Small scale, short duration activities that create minimal dust. Includes, but is not limited to: installation of telephone or computer cabling; access to pipe chase spaces; cutting of walls or ceilings where dust migration can be controlled.

Construction Type C - Any work, which generates a moderate to high level of dust or requires demolition or removal of any fixed building components or assemblies. Includes, but is not limited to: sanding of walls for painting or wall covering; removal of floor coverings, ceiling tiles and casework; new wall construction; minor ductwork or electrical work above ceilings; major cabling activities; and any activity which cannot be completed within a single work shift.

Construction Type D - Major demolition and construction projects. Includes, but is not limited to: activities that require consecutive work shifts; require heavy demolition or removal of a complete ceiling system; and new construction.

Group 1 Lowest Risk Patient Risk Group - Office areas

Group 2 Medium Risk Patient Risk Group - Cardiology, Echocardiography, Laboratories, Nuclear Medicine, Physical Therapy, Radiology/MRI, Respiratory Therapy

Group 3 Medium-High Risk Patient Risk Group - Emergency Room, Day Surgery, Pharmacy, Endoscopy

Group 4 Highest Risk Patient Risk Group - 4B (Hem/Onc Unit), Operating Rooms/Sterile Processing, Cardiac Catheterization & Angiography Areas, Dialysis, ICU/CCU/CVT/CVT-I, Med/Surg Nursing Units, Post-Anesthesia Care Units.

HEPA - High Efficiency Particulate Air

Level of Infection Control - Class I, II, III or IV, as determined from the IC Matrix

1.2 DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the infection control procedures are to minimize the risk of infection during construction by maintaining the integrity of the environment, and controlling the spread of dust.

The following Infection Control Matrix defines the matrix of precautions to be implemented for construction, demolition and renovation. Matching the planned construction type with the patient risk group on the matrix defines the minimum level of infection control required (Class I, II, III or IV).

<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Construction Activity</u>			
	<u>Type A</u>	<u>Type B</u>	<u>Type C</u>	<u>Type D</u>
Group 1 Lowest Risk	Class I	Class II	Class II	Class III/IV
Group 2 Medium Risk	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
Group 3 High Risk	Class II	Class II	Class III/IV	Class IV
Group 4 Highest Risk	Class II	Class III/IV	Class III/IV	Class IV

Class I:

1. Execute work by methods to minimize raising dust and fumes from interior and exterior construction operations.
2. Water mist work surfaces to control dust
3. Immediately replace a ceiling tile displaced for visual inspection
4. Use travel routes that minimize exposure of patients to construction workers, materials, tools, and equipment.
5. Schedule utility interruptions during periods of low hospital activity.

Class II: In addition to precautions for Class I:

1. Provide active means to prevent airborne dust from dispersing into the atmosphere.
2. HEPA vacuum upper surfaces of ceiling tiles prior to removal
3. Seal unused doors with duct tape
4. Block off and seal air vents
5. Place adhesive walk-off mats at entrances and exits of work areas.
6. Seal or isolate HVAC system in areas where work is being performed.
7. HEPA vacuum work surfaces and containers before removing from the work area.
8. HEPA vacuum worker clothing, tools, materials and equipment before leaving the work area.

Class III: In addition to the precautions for Class I and II:

1. Install critical barriers at all openings to the work area
2. Isolate HVAC system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of the duct system.
3. Maintain negative air pressure within the work site utilizing HEPA-equipped air filtration units.
4. Seal holes, pipes, conduits and punctures within the work area using fire-safe, impermeable materials.
5. Construct anteroom contiguous to the work area and require all personnel to pass through this room so they can be vacuumed using a HEPA vacuum cleaner before leaving the work site.
6. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers
7. Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering to container to seal all joints.
8. Do not remove barriers from the work area until the completed project is thoroughly cleaned by the VA's Environmental Services Department and inspected by the VA.

Class IV: In addition to precautions for Class I, II and III:

1. No work is permitted in areas occupied by patients.
2. All personnel entering the work site are required to wear head covers, shoe covers, and overalls. Head covers, shoe covers, and overalls must be changed within the anteroom each time the worker exists the work area..

Conduct work by implementing the appropriate level of infection control as required or as noted herein.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are for information only.

SD-06 Test and Inspection Reports

Air sampling results
Infection Control Compliance Checklists
Logs of negative pressure measurements for work site;

SD-07 Certificates

Employee training;
VAMC Infection Control Construction Permits; G

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.4.1 Qualifications

All personnel are required to wear N95 respirators, disposable booties and coveralls when working inside the containment. These are to be removed when exiting the work area.

All personnel are to be trained on infection control procedures and these work procedures.

1.5 EQUIPMENT

Fire retardant polyethylene

HEPA filtered vacuum

HEPA filtered negative air machine

Duct tape

Framing and other materials necessary to isolate the work area

Power equipment that generates dust will have dust collection equipment attached.

1.6 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

1.6.1 Existing Conditions

Perform work without damage or contamination of adjacent areas. Where existing work is damaged or contaminated, restore work to its original condition or better as determined by the Contracting Officer.

1.7 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

All work will be coordinated with the hospital infection control office, facility director, safety department, security office and work will not commence until the Infection Control Construction Permit has been approved by VAMC for that specific work area, including designation of the pre-determined debris removal routes.

Any issue that could have impact on VAMC operations must be reported to the VAMC project representative before commencement. This would include containment breaching, loss of negative pressure, releases of dust/debris into uncontrolled interior building areas or other issues that could affect infection control procedures.

Work phasing and breakout of specific work areas shall be in coordination with the Contracting Officers needs and the General Contractor's schedule and not adversely affect the operations of the VAMC in any way.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

Not Used.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

Obtain an Infection Control Construction Permit prior to performing any work of construction types A through D as defined above. Removal of a single ceiling tile in a suspended acoustic ceiling for observation purposes only does not require an infection control construction permit.

Existing air handling ductwork, supply and return grills, and/or HVAC fresh air intakes shall be isolated using air tight seals.

Elevator use must be coordinated with facilities and must not impact VAMC operations. Time and dates of waste load must be identified each day.

3.2 ERECTION

Install impervious barriers from floor to ceiling and wall to wall to seal work areas from non-work areas. When work is in an area designated for Class IV protection, double impervious barriers shall be used.

Impervious barriers shall be constructed of non-combustible or fire retardant materials. Barriers shall be minimum one-hour rated construction. Fire retardant polyethylene may be used for impervious (dust) barriers that remain in place for not more than 72 hours. Construct all other barriers of gypsum board (flame spread rating of 25 or less in accordance with ASTM E84) on both sides of metal steel studs. Extend the partitions through suspended ceilings to floor slab deck

or roof. Wood framing is not allowed. At door openings, use Class C ¾ hour fire/smoke rated doors and frames with closers.

Critical barriers are to be installed on all doors and windows and other entrances to the work area.

Seal all holes, chases, pipe cavities and other perforations before commencing work. Sealants shall be non-flammable material.

Create a negative pressure work area by installing HEPA filtered negative air machines within the work area to remove dust particles from the air and exhaust to the outside.

Maintain negative pressure of at least -0.02 inches water in all work areas and document compliance.

Construct an entry/exit chamber for decontaminating people and equipment leaving the work area. A HEPA vacuum is required to remove dust from equipment and people leaving the site. Disposable PPE shall be removed prior to exiting the entry/exit chamber.

Adhesive Step-off pads at least 24"x36" are to be located at the exit of the work area before entering the occupied areas of the VAMC.

Vacuum the top surfaces of ceiling tiles using a HEPA vacuum prior to removal of ceiling tiles.

Traffic shall be minimized to/from the work area.

Elevators or stairwells within the work area must be isolated with impervious barriers.

Activities such as cutting, demolishing, and other large dust generating activities shall have work surfaces water-misted prior to impact.

Where powered equipment that generates dust will be utilized, such equipment shall have dust collection equipment attached.

Provide active means to prevent airborne dust from dispersing into the atmosphere.

3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

3.3.1 Inspection

Conduct daily infection control inspections using the VAMC Infection Control Compliance Checklist. Daily inspections shall also be conducted on days when no construction activity is performed. Submit compliance checklist not more than 1 work day after completing an inspection.

Continuously monitor negative pressure levels. Document negative pressure levels at the start of work each day and at 4 hour intervals during each work day. Maintain a written log of negative pressure levels measured to include date and time of the measurement. Submit written log of negative pressure levels weekly and not more than 1 work day after completing the last log entry.

All barriers and HEPA filtered negative pressure are to remain in place until clearance has been obtained from VAMC representatives. This could include the IC Department, Safety Department, and Environmental Services Department.

3.3.2 Tests

VAMC representatives may conduct post abatement and during abatement sampling for dust, mold spores and surface contamination. Sampling may be conducted for dusts outside the work area to assess impact.

3.4 CLEANING AND DISPOSAL

The construction area and adjacent areas are to be kept in a clean and sanitary manner, using damp methods and HEPA filtered vacuuming.

Dry sweeping shall not be allowed.

Any dust tracked outside of the barriers must be removed immediately and as it accumulates.

Surfaces are to be cleaned daily or more frequently if needed with VAMC approved cleaning products.

There shall be no standing water in the work area. All accidental spills must be cleaned up immediately and wet porous material removed within one hour.

Any water damaged areas scheduled for impact/demolition shall be removed first, under HEPA filtered exhaust and containment, with the waste promptly bagged, to reduce aerosol of microbial agent/fungi/spore from potentially escaping out of the work space.

All barriers are to be removed carefully to minimize the spread of contaminants.

Where feasible, the optimal method for removal of debris is via an exterior type chute to closed top containers.

Where not feasible, waste is to be removed in clean air tight covered containers and transported from the work area by a pre-determined route during off-peak hours. Such designated debris removal routes shall be cleaned by damp-mop and/or HEPA filtered vacuuming prior to being returned to patient/staff use.

For work performed exterior to the building envelope, no debris/waste movement shall be allowed through the building interior spaces.

-- End of Section --

**VA MEDICAL CENTER
Infection Control Program**

INFECTION CONTROL FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

WHY INFECTION CONTROL IS IMPORTANT

Hospital-acquired infections (nosocomial) affect 5 percent of all patients admitted to hospitals in the United States and can cause significant illness or even death. Not all of these infections are preventable; however, studies show that up to 32 percent of hospital acquired infections can be prevented when hospitals employ an active and effective infections control program. Hospitals patients are at risk for infection because the stresses of illness and invasive treatments weaken their immune system. In general, healthy adults who are to be at work do not have the same risk for acquiring infections.

Our Infection Control Program is designed to identify and control situations that carry an increased risk for infection and to provide for a safe and healthful environment for patients and staff. During the construction project, you may be asked to do some things a bit differently to ensure that the environment is maintained as safe as possible for all. This information was developed through collaboration with the Infection Control Coordinator, Chief FMS, Safety Officer and Industrial Hygienist to help in explaining infection control aspects of construction in the hospital setting.

DUST CONTROL POLICY

- ◆ Determine if the HVAC system includes return air from the construction area. If so, divert to exhaust if possible, add filtering to remove dust before it enters the return air system, or blocking supply and return vents.
- ◆ Install impervious barriers from floor to floor slab above and wall to wall using framing, clips and duct tape as required to maintain and secure the barrier seal.
- ◆ Report disruptions such as holes in the barrier and interruptions in the seal to the Project Manager immediately.
- ◆ Place the “air moving and filtration device” into the containment area and operate to remove dust particles from the air.
- ◆ Negative air pressure will always be maintained in the construction site at all times during construction.
- ◆ If work is in an extremely sensitive area such as the Operating Room, double barriers may be required.
- ◆ Project site must be completely contained before work begins and all penetrations into the construction site must be sealed. Windows must be closed and air ducts shut down or taped.
- ◆ Anterooms (consisting of confined space beyond the barriers) will be provided at entrances to the work area to contain debris and provide an area where workers can remove protective clothing or vacuum off personal clothing except when exiting directly to the outside of the building.
- ◆ Walk-off mats will be at entrances to work areas during construction.
- ◆ Traffic routes will be pre-determined and traffic to and from the construction site will be minimized.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING POLICY

- ◆ *Any dust tracked outside the barriers must be removed immediately as it accumulates.*
- ◆ *All cleaning in the construction area will be by damp method or HEPA filtered vacuum.*
- ◆ *Debris will be removed by a pre-determined route and transported in clean, covered containers.*
- ◆ *At the end of each construction shift, construction personnel will do a thorough clean up of the area.*
- ◆ *After inspection, the contractor will remove barriers.*
- ◆ *Environmental Services will do a thorough final cleaning.*

Thank you for participating in our effort to provide a safe hospital environment. If you have concerns or questions about infection control, please call the Infection Control Office at extension 3608.

**VA MEDICAL CENTER
INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM**

INFECTION CONTROL COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Project: _____ **Date:** _____

Time Start: _____ Time End: _____

The following are checked at least daily during demolition and/or construction:

1. Barrier containment completed before construction began.
2. Negative air pressure at construction site was monitored and recorded, at least daily, during construction work.
3. Construction area air exhausted directly outside or HEPA filtered to remove dust before the return to the HVAC system.
4. Air moving and HEPA filtration device placed into the construction area to remove and prevent the escape of dust and fungal particles.
5. All construction holes, pipes, conduits, punctures and/or exposures appropriately sealed.
6. Construction workers put on coveralls for entering the work site or vacuum off work clothes with a HEPA vacuum cleaner prior to exiting the work area.
7. Work surfaces water-misted to control dust while cutting.
8. Dust mats placed at entrance to work area at all times.
9. Workers wore clean shoe covers each time they exited the work area to travel to other areas of the facility (or no travel to other areas was necessary).
10. Dust tracked outside the barrier was removed immediately by damp-mop method or with HEPA filtered vacuum cleaners.
11. Debris was transported from the construction area by the pre-determined route in clean containers with tight-fitting covers.
12. Designated debris routes were cleaned by damp-mop method or with HEPA filtered vacuum cleaners prior to being returned to patient or staff use.
13. Any disruption or violation of the containment barrier integrity was immediately reported to the Project Manager.
14. The freight elevator should not transport supplies or contractors to the 7th floor. All contractors will exit on the 6th floor to minimize traffic going to the 7th floor.

Above items checked (by initials) at the following times:

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Compliance Checklist Submitted By: _____

COMMENTS: _____

ATTACHMENT C

Providence VA Medical Center - Infection Control Construction Permit

Location of Construction:	Project No. & Title:
VA Project Manager:	Project Start Date :
Contractor:	Estimated Duration:
Contractor Superintendent:	Permit Expiration Date:

Type of Construction _____ Pt Risk Group _____

Circle Class of Precautions Necessary for this Project

Patient Risk Group	TYPE A	TYPE B	TYPE C	TYPE D
LOW	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS II	CLASS III/IV
MEDIUM	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV
HIGH	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III/IV	CLASS IV
HIGHEST	CLASS II	CLASS III/IV	CLASS III/IV	CLASS IV

Infection Control _____ Date _____

CLASS I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Execute work by methods to minimize raising dust and fumes from interior and exterior construction operations. Water mist work surfaces to control dust Immediately replace a ceiling tile displaced for visual inspection. Use travel routes that minimize exposure of patients to construction workers, materials, tools and equipment. Schedule utility interruptions during periods of low hospital activity
CLASS II	<p>In addition to precautions listed for Class I above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide active means to prevent airborne dust from dispersing into atmosphere. HEPA vacuum upper surfaces of ceiling tiles prior to removal Seal unused doors with duct tape. Block off and seal air vents. Place adhesive walk-off mats at entrance and exit of work areas. Seal or isolate HVAC system in areas where work is being performed. HEPA vacuum work surfaces and containers before removing from the work area HEPA vacuum worker clothing, tools, materials, and equipment before leaving the work area
CLASS III	<p>In addition to precautions listed for Classes I and II above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Install critical barriers at all openings to the work area Isolate HVAC system in area where work is being done to prevent contamination of duct system. Maintain negative air pressure within work site utilizing HEPA equipped air filtration units. Seal holes, pipes, conduits, and punctures within the work area using fire-safe, impermeable materials. Construct anteroom contiguous with work area and require all personnel to pass through this room so they can be vacuumed using a HEPA vacuum cleaner before leaving work site. Contain construction waste before transport in tightly covered containers. Cover transport receptacles or carts. Tape covering to container to seal all joints. Do not remove barriers from the work area until the completed project is thoroughly cleaned by the VA's Environmental Services Department and inspected by the VA
CLASS IV	<p>In addition to precautions listed for Classes I, II and III above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No work is permitted in areas occupied by patients. All personnel entering work site are required to wear head covers, shoe covers and coveralls. Head covers, shoe covers and coveralls must be changed within the anteroom each time the worker exits the work area.

VA Project Manager _____ Date _____

Chief, Facilities Management _____ Date _____

ATTACHMENT D

VA MEDICAL CENTER
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

POLICY MEMORANDUM 138- 11
September 12, 2011
(138)

FIRE WALL/SMOKE BARRIER PENETRATION PERMITS

1. PURPOSE

To establish policy and procedures regarding penetrations in ceilings, floors, pipe chases, fire walls, and smoke barriers for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of the Type II-222 construction as required in NFPA 101, Chapter 8 and the Joint Commission to provide for the safety of occupants during fire incidents. (The equivalent Construction Type per ICC Building Code is Type 1B).

2. POLICY

All penetrations made in floors, fire barriers, and smoke partitions for the purpose of installation/removal of pipe, conduit, cable, ductwork or other modifications including incidental damage, or the removal of such items, will be repaired and fire-stopped upon the completion of the work, and documented as repaired. This policy applies to all vertical and horizontal penetrations and to all medical center staff and contractors.

3. DEFINITIONS

a. Penetrations are any holes, openings, or faults created in a fire barrier or smoke partition that compromises the integrity of the smoke or fire rating of the penetrated structure.

b. Fire stopping materials are any materials used to replace or repair any penetrations. Materials used must meet specifications and tested assemblies by FM (Factory Mutual) or UL (Underwriters Laboratory) that ensure the original integrity and rating of the penetrated surface will be restored.

c. Fire barriers are floor/ceiling assemblies, and walls, including supporting construction, that meet the conditions of acceptance of NFPA 251, Standard Methods of Tests of Fire Endurance of Building Construction and Materials. Fire barriers are designed to form fire compartments and are constructed to be continuous from outside wall to outside wall, floor to floor or ceiling, from one fire barrier to another, or a combination thereof, including continuity through concealed spaces.

d. Smoke barrier is a continuous membrane designed and constructed to restrict the movement of smoke. Smoke barriers are designed to form smoke compartments and are constructed to be continuous from outside wall to outside wall, floor to floor or ceiling, from one fire or smoke barrier to another, or a combination thereof, including continuity through concealed spaces.

e. Submittals are manufacturer's literature, data, installation instructions, and detail drawings for each type of penetrating item and the construction of the barrier it is passing through, indicating the type of fire-stopping and/or smoke stopping material used. Manufacturer's details shall indicate the listing number given by FM, or UL for each fire-stopping system. Alternate submittals can be a Certified Laboratory test report for ASTM E814 test of systems not listed by FM or UL. (ASTM E814 is the Standard Test Method for fire tests of through penetration fire stops). Another type of

submittal is a written Manufacturer's Engineering Judgment, derived from a similar UL system, that a modified design meets the required protection level of a UL listed test.

f. Products used are either factory built fire-stop devices or field erected through penetration fire-stop systems to form a specific listed fire-stop system that will maintain the required integrity of the fire or smoke barrier and stop the passage of gases or smoke. Through penetration fire-stop systems and fire-stop devices, tested in accordance with ASTM E814 or UL1479 use the "F" or "T" rating to maintain the same rating and integrity as the fire barrier being sealed. "T" ratings are not required for penetrations smaller than or equal to 4 inch nominal pipe or 16 square inches over all cross sectional area. Products requiring heat activation to seal an opening by its intumescence shall exhibit a tested and demonstrated ability to function as designed to maintain the fire or smoke barrier. Fire stop sealants used for fire-stopping or smoke sealing shall have the following properties:

- (1) Contain no flammable or toxic solvents;
- (2) have no dangerous or flammable out-gassing during the drying or curing of products;
- (3) water resistant after drying or curing and unaffected by high humidity, condensation or transient water exposure;
- (4) when used in exposed areas, shall be capable of being sanded and finished with similar surface treatments as used on the surrounding wall, ceiling or floor surface, and
- (5) materials shall be asbestos free.

g. Fire stopping system or devices used for penetrations by glass pipe, plastic pipe or conduits, unenclosed cables, or other non-metallic materials shall have the following properties:

- (1) Classified for use with the type of penetrating material used, and be asbestos free.
- (2) Penetrations containing loose electrical and/or computer data cables, and other non-metallic communication cables shall be protected using fire-stopping systems that allow unrestricted cable changes without danger to the seal.
- (3) Intumescent products which would expand to seal the opening shall act as a fire, smoke, toxic fume and water sealant.
- (4) Products used shall have a maximum flame spread of 25 and smoke development of 50 when tested in accordance with ASTM E84. and shall be FM or UL rated or tested by an approved laboratory in accordance with ASTM E814.

4. MEMBERSHIP

None.

5. PROCEDURES

a. Prior to performing any firestopping, submit for approval all product data drawings and installation instructions, as required by "Submittals" after examining the Contract Documents and performing an on-site careful examination of the areas to receive fire-stopping. If there is any doubt about the location of fire or smoke rated partitions, request or refer to information contained in the

current SOC (Statement of Condition) drawings that are available in the FMS office. In all cases when a ceiling, floor, wall or partition designated as a fire or smoke barrier is compromised for the purpose of installation, repair, or other modification, the following steps are required:

(1) All penetration contracted work, including Information Resource Management (IRM) projects, is to be submitted and approved by Facilities Management Service's Project Manager or FMS Maintenance & Operations or the Safety Manager.

(2) A penetration permit must be secured from a FMS Project Manager or FMS Maintenance & Operations Supervisor prior to disturbing the integrity of any wall or floor/ ceiling barrier. The permit must be available for inspection at the subject location. (See Attachment A).

(3) Provide temporary fire-stopping, smoke seal and waterproofing of all penetrations in smoke and fire rated floor and wall assemblies immediately following core drilling or cutting if permanent work and fire-stopping measures will follow at a later time.

(4) Where penetrations are created in existing floors and/or partitions, they shall be temporarily fire-stopped by the close of construction each day. In the case of major projects requiring the prolonged existence of floor and/or partition openings, temporary fire-stopping shall be provided at the end of each work day. Temporary fire-stopping may constitute a single layer of fire rated gypsum board secured in place over the opening or mineral fiber may be placed in the opening. Fiber thickness shall be sufficient to meet or exceed the inherent fire resistance rating of the building material being penetrated and shall be secured in place with non-combustible material or fasteners.

(5) After the final work is completed, the penetration must be fire-stopped according to the submitted and approved UL or FM listed through penetration fire-stopping materials or system that meet the original smoke barrier or fire rated construction requirements.

(6) Upon completion of any penetration repair, a visual inspection for approval shall be requested from and completed by a FMS Project Manager or FMS Maintenance & Operations Supervisor.

(7) After completion of the field inspection, the completed permit will be signed by the Contractor/Installer and the inspecting FMS Project Manager or FMS Maintenance Supervisor. That signed document shall then become the official Document or Record and be distributed as indicated on the Permit Form.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

a. It is the responsibility of the Project Section/FMS Maintenance/Safety to ensure that penetration permits are issued and final inspections are conducted. Any deficiencies found remaining will be discussed with the COTR and remedied by the fire-stop installer.

b. Chief, Facilities Management Service is responsible for ensuring that any Providence VA Medical Center staff making penetrations into fire and/or smoke barriers shall secure penetration permits prior to beginning work, properly fire-stop the wall/ceiling/floor penetration, and sign off the permit after inspection and completion of the work.

c. Contractors are responsible for assuring that they properly fire stop any penetrations that they made in ceiling, floor, pipe chases, fire rated walls, and smoke barriers in accordance with submitted and approved fire-stop materials and/or systems.

d. Contracting Officer Technical Representatives (COTR's) are responsible for ensuring that all Contractors and FMS personnel adhere to this policy during construction, renovation or demolition activities, including pulling electrical and/or data cables. The COTR is also responsible for verifying that all holes and penetrations made during the construction activities are properly sealed. The COTR is also responsible for ensuring that this memorandum is properly inserted in applicable Contracts and Work Orders issued by Facilities Management Service.

7. REFERENCES

NFPA 101, Chapter 8, dated 2009.

8. RESCISSIONS

Policy Memorandum 138-11 Fire Wall/Smoke Barrier Penetration Permit, dated April 17, 2008.

VINCENT NG
Medical Center Director

Attachments: A - Fire/Smoke Wall Penetration Permit

DISTRIBUTION: D

ATTACHMENT A

FIRE/SMOKE WALL PENETRATION PERMIT

Contractor/ FMS Dept/ VA Service (IRM): _____

Responsible Person for Request (Firm/Dept/Person): _____

Location of Penetrations (Bldg/Floor): _____

Work Narrative (Project No. /Purpose): _____

Before issuing a Fire/Smoke Wall Penetration Permit, the FMS Project Manager or FMS Maintenance/Safety Section shall review the following checklist with the Permit requesting Responsible person for compliance. (Contractor to be reminded that all penetrations shall be temporarily fire stopped at close of each work day).

Question	Yes	No	N/A
Did the responsible person (indicated above) obtain prints of SOC Plans from FMS or Maintenance Section PM, and/or Project Plans detailing hourly rated walls and smoke barriers in the building; and have they thoroughly identified the scope of the fire stop work?			
Is the manufacturer's UL or FM (fire sealant) product application guide for each type of wall or floor construction penetrated by each type of utility element been submitted, approved, and available for on-site review by installers and inspectors?			
Has the Responsible person (indicated above) prepared an itemized schedule of floor and fire/smoke walls to be penetrated indicating the UL or FM system to be used?			

Materials utilized in repair: Fire stopping materials / UL or FM System Number(s) / Attach Submittals:

Wall Board Type & number of layers (if used): _____

Other: (Manufacturer's Engineering Judgment): Attach Submittal: _____

Approving Official / Project Manager: _____ **Date:** _____

After penetrations are sealed, FMS or Maintenance Department Project Manager, and/or PVAMC Safety Officer and the installer (GC) Responsible person shall inspect the area to ensure compliance with the required standards, make any corrections, and sign-off on the lines below.

Signature of Responsible Person Filing for Permit: _____

Signature of FMS or Maintenance Dept PM: _____

Signature of COTR: _____

Submit fully signed copies to Contractor, COTR, PVAMC Safety Officer, and FMS or Maintenance Project Manager & Operations Supervisor.

ATTACHMENT E
PROVIDENCE VAMC
INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES (ILSM) PLAN

ILSM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AREAS OR SMOKE COMPARTMENTS WHERE NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE.

DEFINITION:

INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES: A series of operational actions taken to temporarily reduce the hazard posed by existing fire prevention or Life Safety Code deficiencies during, and until the completion of a construction or renovation program within an area or smoke compartment.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Determining when ILSM are necessary.
2. Insure that required ILSM in areas/smoke compartments where construction or renovations are taking place are fully adhered to.
3. Determining when ILSM can be terminated

PROCEDURES

1. All new construction/renovation projects must evaluated by the project coordinator /supervisor using the attached **PVAMC ILSM Requirement Assessment Worksheet**.
2. If, upon completion of the worksheet, it is determined that an ILSM Plan is not needed, the project coordinator will send a copy to the PVAMC Safety Manager for concurrence.
3. If, upon completion of the worksheet, it is determined that an ILSM Plan is needed, the project coordinator will complete the form by documenting the administrative actions necessary to mitigate the Life Safety Code deficiencies introduced, and send a copy to the PVAMC Safety Manager for concurrence.
4. Facilities Management Service staff will utilize the attached Interim Life Safety Measures Checklist for conducting inspections of contractor areas when necessary.
5. The **PVAMC ILSM Requirement Assessment Worksheet**, 11 Administrative Actions that may be applied to the project as ILSM, and ILSM assessment flowchart are provided for reference.

PVAMC ILSM Requirement Assessment Worksheet

• These criteria will be used to evaluate smoke compartments in which a Life Safety Code deficiency has been identified, or in which construction, renovation or alteration activities are planned. Any "Yes" answers below may require ILSM to address occupant safety.

- Document any methods you plan on using, and what measures were taken under comments.
- Send to the Environmental Safety and Health Office-TR7, after completion.

Submitter : _____

Date Submitted: _____

Log# _____

Project: _____

Expected Duration: _____

Building: _____

Floor: _____

Room: _____

Criteria	YES	NO
The issue/work alters or significantly compromises exit access, exiting, or exit discharge building elements		
The issue/work compromises building compartmentation including fire or smoke walls, floor/ceiling assemblies, corridor walls, use area doors, or other defend in place elements		
The issue/work impairs the building Fire Protection Systems (alarm, sprinklers, suppression) for more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period.		
The activity includes Hot Work		
The activity includes large quantities of combustible materials, flammable materials, or generation of large amounts of dust and debris.		
Access to the area by emergency forces will be impaired		
Will non/limited combustible partitions be required?		

[] ILSM are required*

[] ILSM are not required*

* A yes answer to any of the above criteria may require that an ILSM be initiated. Use the following check sheet to denote the interim life safety measures appropriate for the issue/work which compromises life safety. Daily inspections of egress access will be completed in accordance with the checked sheet and completed on the attached form during the pendency of the compromise to a life safety system.. Periodic inspections of other aspects of an ILSM shall be completed during the pendency of the ILSM. All forms will be maintained by the Safety Manager with copies in the project file.

If an ILSM is not required, provide the completed assessment only to the safety manager for review. Maintain a copy in the project file.

Work:

1.

Comments:

1.

Reviewed by: _____ Safety Manager Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Chief Facilities Management Date: _____

Interim Life Safety Measures Check Sheet to be implemented

Project Name or other identifying information: _____

Log Number: _____

Place a check mark in each applicable ILSM activity as determined by an assessment of the risks identified in the Assessment Work Sheet.

#1 INSPECTIONS / SURVEILLANCE

- ☐ Increased surveillance of buildings, grounds, and equipment: shift / daily / other:
- ☐ Means of exiting construction areas inspected daily
- ☐ Implementation of Fire Watch
- ☐ Not applicable

#2 ACCESSIBILITY

- ☐ Maintenance of escape/egress routes from construction areas
- ☐ Maintenance of access to emergency services for emergency equipment, fire alarm pull stations, Fire Department connections (internal & external)
- ☐ Not applicable

#3 EQUIPMENT – LIFE SAFETY

- ☐ Temporary fire alarm, detection, suppression system in place
- ☐ Monthly testing and inspection of temporary systems
- ☐ Provide additional firefighting equipment in project area
- ☐ Provide additional firefighting equipment in adjacent areas
- ☐ Not applicable

#4 COMMUNICATIONS

- ☐ Notification to Municipal Fire Department (or applicable emergency forces group)
- ☐ Not applicable

#5 CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS / PRACTICES

- ☐ Partitions smoke tight and constructed of noncombustible or limited combustible materials
- ☐ Prohibition of smoking throughout building and in and near construction areas
- ☐ Implement appropriate storage practices
- ☐ Implement appropriate housekeeping practices

#6 FIRE DRILLS

- ☐ Implement appropriate debris removal practices
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ 2 fire drills per shift per quarter throughout Hospital (one additional drill beyond requirement of EC.5.30).
- ☐ 2 fire drills per shift per quarter in areas adjacent to project (one additional drill beyond requirement of EC.5.30)
- ☐ More than 2 fire drills per shift per quarter throughout Hospital. If yes, how many_____

#7 TRAINING

- ☐ More than 2 fire drills per shift per quarter in areas adjacent to project. If yes, how many_____
- ☐ Not applicable

- ☐ Additional training for staff in immediate area
- ☐ Additional training for staff throughout hospital
- ☐ Additional training for incident response team
- ☐ Training to promote awareness of fire-safety building deficiencies, construction hazards, ILSM
- ☐ Training on changes in physical environment (egress routes)
- ☐ Training on firefighting equipment
- ☐ Training on compensating for impaired structural or compartmentalization features of fire safety
- ☐ Not applicable

Other measures: _____

Comments: _____

Prepared by: _____

Reviewed by: _____ Safety Manager Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Chief Facilities Management Date: _____

ILSM Inspection Form

Project Name: _____

Log Number: _____

Date: _____ Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____

	Measure	Applicable		Compliance Status	Date/Initials
		Y	N		
1.	Exits are inspected on a daily basis and are free and unobstructed. No construction materials, equipment, or debris block free use of all exits adjacent to the construction site or are impacted by the project. <u>Temporary exit signs are in place.</u>				
2.	Provide temporary, but equivalent fire alarm and detection system.				
3.	Provides additional fire-fighting equipment (fire extinguishers). Equipment is functional and tests are up to date.				
4.	Temporary construction partitions are smoke tight, or made of noncombustible material, or made of limited combustible material that will not contribute to the development or spread of fire.				
5.	Surveillance is increased of buildings, grounds, and equipment with special attention to construction areas and storage, excavation, and field offices.				
6.	Enforces storage, housekeeping, and debris removal practices that reduce the building's flammable and combustible fire load to the lowest feasible level.				
7.	Additional training is provided to those in the hospital on the use of fire-fighting				
8.	One additional fire drill per shift, per quarter is conducted.				
9.	Temporary systems are tested and inspected monthly, and the completion dates for these tests is documented.				
10.	Education is conducted to promote the awareness of building deficiencies, construction hazards, and temporary measures implemented to maintain fire safety.				
11.	Training for those who work in the hospital is done to compensate for impaired structural or compartmental features.				

Prepared by: _____ Project Manager Date: _____

Inspected by: _____ Date: _____

Interim Life Safety Criteria

BUILDING DEFICIENCY or CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION PROJECT

YES

Does the project involve shutting down part or all of the suppression or detection systems for longer than 4 hours?

NO

One or more of the criteria are "YES"

1. Apply the pertinent 11 Administrative Actions

- A. Renovation that is longer than one shift:**
- 1. More than a "One Room Project" -did not deactivate smoke detection or suppression for the project**
 - 2. Does involve hallway**
 - 3. Suppression +/- detection systems are modified, moved, shut down, or covered (bagged). Emergency egress is blocked, or the smoke/fire petitions have been compromised**
- B. Is there a Fire Safety Deficiency in the building that:**
- 1. Requires an interim plan**
 - 2. The deficiency has not been repaired within 6 months of the estimated date on the PFI**

NO

**Note in project file
ILSM does NOT apply
Do not initiate ILSM**

Attachment F

Fire Systems Protection During Construction

1. Preventing False Fire Alarms by Smoke Detectors During Construction

Construction and building maintenance activities can potentially generate sufficient airborne dust to activate a fire alarm through nearby smoke detectors. An alarm activated by a smoke detector is immediately transmitted to the municipal fire department, which responds to the hospital with equipment and personnel. In order to prevent false fire alarms from smoke detectors during construction or other maintenance activities, it has been the practice of construction personnel to place a cover over nearby smoke detectors to prevent airborne dust from entering the detector. This practice has been effective in preventing false fire alarms; however this practice has also led to undocumented impairments to the fire alarm system when these covers are not removed when no longer needed to prevent a false alarm.

The following measures will be taken to prevent false fire alarms through smoke detectors during construction while maintaining effective control over impairments to the fire alarm system:

-When it is determined that a smoke detector may be activated by construction dust, the contractor or project manager shall direct a request to one of the hospital's electronics technicians to disable the smoke detector or any other device of the fire alarm system. The request shall include the Node, Loop, and Address of the device(s) to be disabled, the duration, and the specific types of construction or maintenance activities that are planned. The electronics technician will disable the smoke detector until notified by either the contractor or project manager that construction has ended for the day. When notified that construction has ended for the day, the electronics technician will re-enable the smoke detector. The smoke detector that is disabled will indicate a "trouble" condition at the fire alarm control panel and serve as an active indication that a smoke detector or multiple detectors have been impaired. The "trouble" indication will also serve as a continuous reminder to hospital staff that the smoke detector(s) must be restored to normal service.

--Contractors or project managers shall provide at least **48** hours notice to the electronics technicians for disabling of a smoke detector or any other fire alarm system device. Email is the preferred method of notification.

--In no case will the smoke detector(s) be disabled for more than 8 hours in a single 24 hour period. If any smoke detector or any other fire alarm system device is disabled for more than 4 hours in a 24 hour period, the project manager will prepare an ILSM risk assessment and a fire watch will be provided by the construction contractor as specified in the contract documents, or by hospital staff as designated by the project manager.

--Covers **shall not** be used on a smoke detector at any time. If found, covers shall be immediately removed from smoke detectors.

2. Sprinkler System Shutdowns during Construction

Construction and building maintenance may require the removal, modification, or relocation of sprinkler heads or piping. In order to prevent false fire alarms as a result of this sprinkler work, a procedure has been implemented for sprinkler system shutdowns. The following measures will be taken to prevent false fire alarms as a result of sprinkler work that maintains effective control over impairments to the installed sprinkler system:

When it is determined that the facility's sprinkler system must be shut down for system modifications, the contractor or project manager shall direct a request for shutdown to the VA. The request shall identify the specific area of the hospital impacted by the shutdown and the shutdown duration. The shutdown will be performed by VA staff. The VA staff will disable the fire alarm system points necessary to prevent false annunciation of a sprinkler system discharge. The VA staff, or the sprinkler system contractor when authorized in writing by the hospital, will close the appropriate riser valve(s) to isolate that portion of the sprinkler system that is being worked on or that needs to be isolated. The closed sprinkler valve(s) shall be identified with a sprinkler valve "SHUT" tag by the party that closed the valve(s). The closed sprinkler valve(s) will indicate a "trouble" condition at the fire alarm control panel to serve as an active indication that the sprinkler system has been impaired. The "trouble" indication will also serve as a continuous reminder to hospital staff that the sprinkler system must be restored to service.

If a section of the sprinkler system is to be drained for piping or sprinkler head replacement work, the VA staff will notify the City of Providence fire alarm division that the master box will be out of service and disable the appropriate sprinkler flow switches and/or fire main. Once the system is drained in the specific area, the VA staff can reinstall all sprinkler system flow switch devices and the master box so that they are not required to be present in the fire alarm room as a fire watch for the system. At the completion of the sprinkler system work, the contractor is responsible for notifying the VA staff that the construction activity has ended for the day and that the sprinkler system is to be refilled and restored to normal operation. The VA staff must take out all flow switches, fire alarm annunciating devices, and possibly main fire pump prior to recharging of the system. Once the appropriate devices are disabled the VA staff, or the contractor when authorized in writing by the hospital, can then start filling the system and bleeding air out the Inspector Test Valve (ITV) until the sprinkler system is completely refilled in the specific area of the facility. The contractor **must** stay in the impacted area for a minimum of **15** minutes after the system is refilled to ensure there are no leaks in or abnormalities to the fire and sprinkler systems.

--Contractors shall provide at least **48** hours notice to the VA for sprinkler system shutdown. Email is the preferred method of notification.

--In no case will the sprinkler system be disabled on two consecutive floors or in multiple areas at the same time in the main hospital building.

--In no case will the sprinkler system be disabled while smoke detectors or other fire alarm initiating devices are disabled in the same area.

--In no case will sprinkler systems be shut down except for portions of the sprinkler system under renovation, modification or construction, or for new connections to the sprinkler system. Sprinkler systems will not be shut down to avoid accidental discharge of the sprinkler system caused by unintentional damage to the sprinkler system from construction activity. Provide metal head guards at each sprinkler head within the limits of work.

--In no case will the sprinkler system be disabled for more than 8 hours in a single 24 hour period. If the sprinkler system must be disabled for more than 4 hours in a 24 hour period, the project manager will prepare an ILSM risk assessment and a fire watch shall be provided by the construction contractor as specified in the contract documents.

ATTACHMENT G

**VA MEDICAL CENTER
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**POLICY MEMORANDUM 07B-3
January 03, 2012
(07B)**

REGISTRATION OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

1. PURPOSE

To provide for the registration of all staff members and contractor vehicles which are parked or operated on the Medical Center grounds. This program will allow VA Police Officers to identify the ownership of vehicles, monitor and control vehicle parking, enforce applicable traffic regulations and facilitate contact with the owners of vehicles when it is necessary and in the interest of safety, security and legitimate enforcement efforts.

2. POLICY

a. All staff members must register their vehicles with the VA Police Service within 48 hours after their reporting for duty at the Medical Center. Compliance with this policy is a condition of employment.

b. The registration process will include issuance of a numbered VA parking permit. This permit must be displayed on the inside, driver side, lower corner of the windshield or inside, center, of the windshield by the rear-view mirror. Permits may be displayed in any visible location on motorcycles.

3. DEFINITIONS

Staff - for the purpose of this policy, staff shall include all VA employees, non-compensated employees and volunteers.

Contractors Supervisors - for the purpose of this policy, Contractors Supervisors include those individuals who represent a company, who is under contractual obligation to the government, for services related to the maintenance and construction of the Medical Center's infrastructure. Supervisors are designated by project managers. Supervisors are allowed to park on site, for the purpose of managing their assigned tasks. Those contractors, not designated as supervisors will not park on property. Supervisors will ensure that their employees meet the requirements of this policy.

Contractors - for the purpose of this policy, contractors include those individuals employed by a company which is obligated by contract to the government for services related to the maintenance and construction of the Medical Center's infrastructure. Contractors are required to register their vehicles on property and maintain a valid parking permit with their vehicles. That permit will be displayed at all times. Contractors will not park on VA Property. However they can park in a designated area off property.

4. MEMBERSHIP

None.

5. PROCEDURES

a. All staff members and contractor supervisors will complete the vehicle registration form at the time of initial employment or service and will report to the VA Police Service for issuance of a permit. Proof of a valid state vehicle registration and current motor vehicle insurance policy must be provided at the time of registration. Color coded and numbered permits will be issued as follows:

- (1) Staff Physicians, the Director and Associate Directors - RED.
- (2) Employees - GREEN or Employees in Car Pool Program - BROWN.
- (3) Volunteers - YELLOW.
- (4) Temporary - BLACK.
- (5) Contractor Supervisor - ORANGE (hanging style)
- (6) Special Permit- As directed by Police Services.

b. All staff members who have previously registered their vehicles must re-register their vehicle each time any of the following occurs:

- (1) Change of state registration plate number.
- (2) Change of vehicle.
- (3) Loss of permit (i.e., windshield replacement).

c. Vehicle permits are considered a controlled item and as such, must be returned to the VA Police upon completion of a staff member's employment or service at the Medical Center.

d. Handicapped parking spaces, located in all parking lots on Medical Center grounds, may be utilized by any staff member who has been issued a state or VA handicap placard. The placard must be displayed at all times while said vehicles are parked in a handicapped designated space.

(1) Requests for VA handicap placards will be submitted to the Chief, VA Police. The requesting employee will be referred to the Employee Health Clinician for determination of the extent of disability. The Employee Health Clinician will then forward this determination to the Chief, VA Police for determination of issuance or non-issuance of the placard. All VA handicap placards will be issued for a limited period of time. Long term disabilities will require issuance of a state handicap placard. VA handicap placards are considered a controlled item and as such, must be returned to the VA Police.

e. Vendors and contract staff of administrative services are required to obtain a temporary parking placard issued by either the Facilities Management Service or the Police Service.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

a. The Human Resources Management Service is responsible for instructing new employees as to this policy and the requirement to respond to the VA Police office to process a vehicle registration form.

b. Service Chiefs/Line Managers are responsible for instructing new volunteers as to this policy and the requirement to respond to the VA Police office to process a vehicle registration form.

c. The VA Police Service is responsible for issuance of all parking permits and placards and maintaining accurate records of all motor vehicles registered at the Medical Center.

d. The Employee Health Clinician is responsible for assisting the Chief, VA Police in determining a staff member's eligibility for issuance of a VA handicap placard for acute or episodic illnesses requiring short-term parking needs.

e. All staff members are responsible for compliance with this policy and notifying the VA Police Service of all incidences of lost, stolen or damaged permits.

7. REFERENCES

VA Handbook 0730

8. RESCISSIONS

Policy Memorandum 07B-03, Registration of Privately Owned Vehicles, dated August 1, 2009.

VINCENT NG
Medical Center Director

Attachments: None

DISTRIBUTION: D

ATTACHMENT H

**VA MEDICAL CENTER
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICE
SOP POLICY MEMO 138-16
May 15, 2012**

CRANES

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish procedures for the use of cranes at this facility. The procedures will be used to ensure that the lifting of loads above the ground surface is performed in a safe manner and fully informs facility staff of the details of the lift to be performed using a crane. This policy also defines responsibilities for these procedures.

2. POLICY

- a. It is the policy of Facilities Management Service that all work with cranes shall be performed in a manner in strict compliance with construction industry regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and with the safety guidelines and policies of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- b. It is the policy of Facilities Management Service that employees and contractors be informed about specific details of crane operations when such crane use is proposed at this facility and that such information be provided to the facility staff by the crane user prior to use of a crane at this facility.
- c. It is the policy of the Providence VA Facilities Management Service that the requirements stated herein will be enforced.

3. DEFINITIONS

- a. *Crane Operator.* A person who has demonstrated that they are proficient in the operation of the various types of cranes. Certification shall be provided by the employer or an accredited testing agency, such as the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO).
- b. *Competent Operator.* A crane operator who:
 1. Is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards with regard to the particular crane being operated.
 2. Is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards with regard to the hoisting operations being undertaken.
 3. Has the training and experience to properly set up and safely control all crane functions.
- c. *Competent Person.* Per OSHA, one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings; is capable of identifying working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to employees; and has authority to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

- d. *Controlling Entity*. Contractor or other entity that is in actual control of a project. Could be the General Contractor, Construction Manager, Prime Contractor or the Owner, depending upon the level of control applied with regard to the selection, operation and maintenance of cranes.
- e. *Controlling Supervisor*. The individual who is directly responsible for crane operation and maintenance at a particular project.
- f. *Crane Load Rigger*. A person trained and competent.
- g. *Critical Lift*. A Lift that shall be one that requires a crane to “walk” with a load; or require more than one crane; or one that will be made over an occupied building or facility; or one that exceeds 75% of the crane capacity (taken from block 6 of the Permit Form).
- h. *Critical Lift Plan*. A document that is used to plan crane lifts that have the potential for increased risk. A critical lift plan should detail the weight(s) and dimensions of the load to be hoisted; the path of travel of the load, including various height and clearance dimensions; the maximum radius or radii at which the load will be hoisted; and the exact configuration of the crane(s) to be used. Load charts for the make, model, serial number and configuration of the crane(s) shall be attached.
- i. *Maximum Intended Load*. The heaviest load that a crane’s capacity chart shows it is capable of lifting in a given configuration and radius.
- j. *Qualified Person*. By possession of a recognized degree, certificate or professional standing or by extensive knowledge, training and experience, one who has successfully demonstrated his/her ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work or the project.
- k. *Signal Person*. A person trained and competent in the application of the type of signals used during a lift, with a basic understanding of crane operation and limitations, including crane dynamics involved in swinging and stopping loads and boom deflection under load.
- l. *Types of Cranes*. Generally mobile cranes, such as crawler cranes, rough terrain cranes, truck cranes, boom trucks and the various other types of mobile cranes generally used on construction sites.

4. PROCEDURES

- a. OSHA requires a Competent Person to inspect all operational components of the crane on a daily basis. The Competent Person must have received training in the provisions of the OSHA Standard, be capable of understanding the hazards associated with the crane being used and have the authority from the employer to correct and abate any hazard associated with the crane.
- b. The Crane Operator *shall* be certified in the operation of the crane. A certification is determined through a *written test* that the Crane Operator knows the information necessary for safe operation of the specific type of equipment the individual will operate; and the Crane Operator is able to read and locate relevant information in the equipment manual and other materials pertaining to the crane.
- c. A Signal Person shall be used for any crane operation. Each Signal Person should know and understand the type of signals used; be competent in the application of the type of signals used; and have a basic understanding of crane operation and limitations, including the crane

dynamics involved in swinging and stopping loads, and boom deflection from hoisting loads.

- d. After assembly on-site, the crane shall have a thorough inspection similar to an annual inspection. A Competent Person shall perform this inspection.
- e. The Crane Operator shall perform a daily visual inspection at the beginning of each shift. All functional operating mechanisms, air and hydraulic systems, chains, ropes, slings, hooks and other lifting equipment shall be inspected. The rated load of each crane shall be plainly marked on both sides of the crane and visible from the ground. Each hoist and sling shall also be marked with the load limit. Unsafe conditions found during the inspection shall be reported to the Controlling Supervisor and shall be corrected before operation is resumed.
- f. A Crane Permit shall be obtained from Facilities Management Service Engineering Section by any party proposing to use a crane at this facility. The permit shall be submitted to the designated Project Manager of the Facilities Management Service Engineering Section and shall not be valid until signed by the FMS Project Manager. The Permit Form to be used is at Attachment "A" to this memorandum.
- g. If any crane operation is determined to be a Critical Lift, the party submitting the Crane Permit shall include with the permit form a Critical Lift Plan that is signed by a registered Professional Engineer.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Chief, Facilities Management Service is responsible for the administration of the Crane program.
- b. The FMS Project Manger is responsible for ensuring that contractor personnel are thoroughly familiar with and comply with this memorandum including the required use of the attached Crane Permit Application for all lifts.
- c. The Contractor is responsible for the following:
 - 1. Preparation and submittal to the FMS Project Manager a completed Crane Permit Application with all required information.
 - 2. Provide adequate supervision of all hoisting operations.
 - 3. Ensure that the Crane Operator performs a daily inspection of the crane, including an operational check of all control mechanisms.
 - 4. Determine if the crane operation will be a "Critical Lift" as defined by the evaluation on the attached Crane Permit Application form.
 - 5. Determine, through verifiable methods, the weight(s) of items to be hoisted.
 - 6. Ensure that all parties involved know the weight(s) of the loads to be lifted
 - 7. Ensure that appropriate rigging equipment is available to handle the specified loads
 - 8. Ensure that a qualified Crane Load Rigger is assigned to inspect all rigging equipment and to oversee the rigging of all loads.
 - 9. Ensure that all parties understand the hoisting operations as planned, including the path of travel of all hoisted loads.
 - 10. Determine if outside factors, such as weather, will interfere with the hoisting operations.
 - 11. Ensure that tag lines or other methods are used to maintain complete control of the load at all times.

12. Ensure that persons who are not involved in hoisting operations are not in the path of travel or otherwise endangered by hoisted loads.
 13. Ensure that the Signal Person(s) is properly qualified and that the chosen signaling system is appropriate and adequate for the job.
- d. The Crane Operator has the overall responsibility for the lift. Supervisors should never be able to override a Crane Operator's decision to stop a lift. If an Operator does stop a lift, a full review of all parameters shall be undertaken before operations are resumed.

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Chief, Facilities Management Service

ATTACHMENTS

A – Crane Permit



VAMC Providence
May 15, 2012
**Planned Critical Lift Plan & Crane
Permit**

Permits must be posted at the lift site until work is complete or a new permit is issued. This permit must be reviewed every shift and reissued if a change in conditions (equipment, weather, and/or ground) or scope of work has occurred. Expired permits shall be returned to the VA for filing. This permit and supporting data must be submitted before any of the following lifts are made (check all that apply):

- ☐ A multiple crane lift
- ☐ Personnel Hoisting
- ☐ A non-routine lift of 20 tons or more
- ☐ An expected load lift is 75% or more of the crane's rated load capacity
- ☐ A lift over electrical lines, HVAC piping or operating facilities which may endanger patients and personnel

Description of Proposed Crane Work: (Include # of items to be picked and expected # of days and location)		
Proposed date for lift start:		Expected completion date:
1. Crane Information		
Make:	Model:	Capacity (tons):
Total Boom Length:	Will Jib Be Used: (yes or no)	Jib Length:
Maximum Boom Length Required:		Maximum pick Radius Required:
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Verify manufacturer's load chart indicates lifting capacity at stipulated load radius and boom lengths.</div> <div>Note: If boom length and/or radius is between the stipulated or posted value on the load chart select the next lesser rating capacity. The next lesser rating capacity may be the next longer or shorter boom length.</div>		
2. Outriggers, Pads, and Tires:		
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Outriggers Fully Extended and Set Check One: _____ Track _____ Tires</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Soil Type is Determined to be Acceptable for Imposed Load</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> VA Engineering has reviewed and determined underground utilities and structures are not at risk for damage.</div>		
3. Load information		
<div>Note: Cranes equipped with computers indicating boom length, angle, and radius are safety devices only and should not be used in place of the operator's responsibility to actually determine the measurements required to calculate a safe lift.</div> <div>Note: Accessories, Crane Capacity, Parts of Line and Rope Capacity, and the working quadrant of the crane should be considered when calculating Net Crane Capacities.</div>		
Description of Maximum load (include Dimensions):		
Weight of Max Load:	How was load determined:	
4. Rigging Information		
List all rigging components (Including number, type, size, capacity, etc.) Note – Anti-Two Block device is required:		

Weight of Line, Block & All Rigging:		
5. Total Gross Load		5. "Worst Case" Lift Scenario
a) Weight of Max Load: b) Weight of Line, Block & All Rigging: c) Safety Factor Added Weight: d) Total Gross Load:	a) Maximum Pick Radius: b) Total Gross Load: c) Crane Chart Capacity at Max Pick Radius: d) % of Crane Capacity (b/c):	
6. Critical Pick Evaluation		
a) Will crane need to "walk" with loads? b) Will pick require more than one crane? c) Will pick be made over occupied building or facility? d) Does "worst case" lift scenario exceed 75% of crane capacity (5d)?	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div>	
If the answer to any of the above is "yes" then this is a critical lift that will require additional information and the signature of a licensed professional engineer.		
7. Crane Location Information		
a) Will crane pick affect pedestrian or vehicular traffic? If "yes", a traffic control plan must be submitted. b) Are there overhead power lines or other hazards in the lift area? c) Will load or any part of the crane be over or within 15 feet of electrical lines, pipes, process systems or operating equipment? d) Will crane height exceed 120 feet? If "yes" the crane must have a light beacon at the top. e) Will crane height exceed 200 feet? If "yes" the FAA must be notified at least 30 days prior.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ Yes _____ No </div>	
8. Additional Information (All must be provided)		
a) Plot plan showing crane location, adjacent structures, roadways, utilities, etc. within the swing radius. b) Scale elevation sketch or drawing showing crane location, adjacent structures and load. c) Applicable crane load charts. d) Valid crane operators' license. e) Valid third party annual inspection certificate.		
9. Wind Speed		
a) Lifts are not allowed with wind speed in excess of: _____MPH b) Wind Speed at time of lift: _____MPH		
10. Comments, Notes, and Sketches:		

12. APPROVALS

The Contractor, Rigger, and Crane Operator are the Competent Persons solely responsible for the safe execution of the lift(s). Execution of the lift will be in complete accordance with OSHA regulations.

COMPLETE CHECKLIST BELOW TO ENSURE A SAFE LIFT IS PLANNED

- ☐ The load weight is confirmed known
- ☐ The load hook is directly over the load center of gravity
- ☐ Boom angle, boom length, lift radius, and the crane capacity are known
- ☐ Outrigger pads are fully extended and blocking is sufficient for the load
- ☐ Tires are clear of the ground and the crane is level
- ☐ Ground, soil, and/or pavement is confirmed to have capacity for the imposed load
- ☐ Rigging equipment has been inspected and in safe working condition
- ☐ All obstacles and obstructions have been identified
- ☐ Lifts in close proximity to power transmission lines shall meet OSHA 29 CFR 1926.550, MIOSHA R 408.11936, and applicable ANSI B30.5 safety standards
- ☐ A final check will determine the wind speed is within approved limits for this lift
- ☐ A signal method is has been determined between the crane operator and the signalman
- ☐ An individual has been designated to observe for obstructions and unauthorized personnel
- ☐ The crane operator meets OSHA qualifications requirements to operate the crane

- ☐ Verify a "competent person" is to inspect prior to use and during use, all slings, fastenings, and attachments for damage or defects. Damaged or defective equipment shall be immediately removed from service.

- ☐ Verify a "competent person" is to inspect all crane equipment and machinery prior to use and during use to ensure it is in safe operating condition. Any deficiencies shall be repaired prior to continued use.

- ☐ Verify the crane is in compliance with Federal and State regulations requiring frequent, periodic, and annual inspections. A thorough annual inspection has been made by a competent person, government, or private party recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Date of Last Annual Inspection: _____ Inspected by: _____

Competent Person:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contractor Representative:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Crane Operator:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Crane Load Rigger:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

The individuals listed below have reviewed this Permit for completion of the listed requirements only, without regard for accuracy. All responsibility for crane operations rests with the individuals signing the form above this Statement.

VA Project Manager:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

VA Safety Representative:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

VA Police (if required):

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SECTION 00 01 15
LIST OF DRAWING SHEETS

The drawings listed below accompanying this specification form a part of
the contract.

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SECTION 00 72 00

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Part 1 - General

- 1.1 Provide a Submittal Schedule within fourteen (14) days after receipt of Notice to Proceed and before any items are submitted for review. Compile a complete and comprehensive schedule for all submittals anticipated to be made during progress of the work and submit to the Contracting Officer for approval. The schedule of submittals must be coordinated with the Contractor's construction schedule. Include a list of each type of item for which Contractor's drawings, shop drawings, certificates of compliance, material samples, guarantees, or other types of submittals are required. For each submittal item indicate the specification section and paragraph or other source within the contract documents where the requirements for the submittal item are described. Indicate whether proposed materials, equipment, and other items are as specified or will be submitted as an "or equal" or as a substitution. Upon review and approval by the Contracting Officer, the contractor will be required to adhere to the schedule except where specifically otherwise permitted.
- 1.2 Work of this project shall be performed between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, holidays excepted unless other times are arranged in advance and approved in writing by the Project Manager. In order to minimize disruption of daily hospital activities, work of this project may be required to be performed between the hours of 5 PM and 5 AM Monday through Friday and at any time on Saturdays and Sundays, holidays and inpatient wards excepted, unless other times are arranged in advance and approved in writing by the Project Manager. When the contractor's work interferes with hospital functions, such as when work produces excessive noise, odors, dust, utility service interruptions, or other interferences with normal hospital operations that cannot be contained within the area of work, the contractor shall schedule said work at the hours directed by the Project Manager.
- 1.3 Infection Control: All work shall be performed in accordance with the Construction Specifications for Infection Control Section 02 85 00. For purposes of this project, the work shall be considered a minimum protection Class 1 throughout the existing facility and shall be accomplished using the controls indicated in the specifications and on the Infection Control Construction Permit (attached as part of the contract documents) for this class of protection. No work will be allowed to proceed until an Infection Control Construction Permit has been completed and signed and all protective measures required by the permit are in place.
- 1.4 The contractor shall arrange with the Project Manager for allocation of required workspace and for the storage of equipment and material to be used for this project. Storage space is very limited. There are no exclusive areas within the campus that can be given to the contractor for their storage needs. Additionally, no space will be made available for the placement of a contractor trailer for this project. The Contractor should schedule delivery of materials to limit the amount of storage space and time.

- 1.5 The Contractor shall note this scope of work does not detail all existing structures, utilities, or components that may potentially interfere with the contract work required. The contractor shall note any obstruction, utility, or condition that may hinder or interfere with the execution of this contract and the contractor shall make provisions in their contract price to resolve such interferences and other conditions that may hinder the proper completion of the work. All proposed utility relocations, interruptions, and shutdowns shall be approved by the Project Manager prior to commencing such work. The contractor shall verify all existing utility installations and take appropriate action prior to working around any potential utility installation.
- 1.5.1 Prior to drilling or coring into or through any concrete floor, beam, column, or other structural element the contractor shall conduct non-destructive surveys to identify the presence of any embedded items such as conduits, piping, reinforcing steel, or other items that may be damaged by the proposed drilling or coring. Contractor shall use the results of this survey to determine a location for drilling or coring that will not damage embedded items in the structure.
- 1.5.2 Prior to excavating for any purpose, the contractor shall perform a survey using ground-penetrating radar or other non-destructive survey method to identify the location of existing underground utilities. The contractor shall use the results of this survey to determine means necessary to protect existing underground utilities from damage during construction.
- 1.6 In the event a shutdown, restriction, or interruption of any utility services is required, a written request must be submitted (at least 15 calendar days in advance) and approved by the VA Project Manager. All utility shutdowns must be reviewed and approved by the VA. See Article 1.6 of Section 01 00 00 (General Requirements) for additional requirements.
- 1.7 Comply with Providence VAMC Policy 138-19 regarding Interim life Safety Measures at Appendix C of this specification. Provide Interim Life Safety Measures (ILSM) as necessary to ensure that the continued occupancy of all VAMC Providence buildings can be safely maintained during construction in accordance with NFPA 101, The Life Safety Code.
- 1.8 Contractor shall participate with the VA in the preparation of an Interim Life Safety Plan that will be implemented during construction of this project. At a minimum, the Contractor shall comply with the following requirements of the interim life safety plan:
 - 1.8.1 Ensure building exits provide free and unobstructed egress for all occupants.
 - 1.8.2 Contractor shall maintain escape facilities for construction workers at all times. Means of egress in construction areas will be inspected daily. If required by the Contractor's operation, establish and mark alternate means of egress.
 - 1.8.3 Ensure free and unobstructed access to all areas of the project site for emergency services and for emergency forces.

- 1.8.4 Ensure that existing fire alarm, detection, and suppression systems are not impaired by the Contractor's operations.
- 1.8.5 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 in accordance with NFPA standards for impairments more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period. Request interruptions in writing a minimum of 72 hours in advance and coordinate with the Project Manager.
- 1.8.6 Provide signs to identify exit access, exits, and exit discharges as needed for interim life safety measures that are identified for the contractor's work.
- 1.8.7 Provide written procedures and guidelines for construction personnel and post in the immediate areas of construction including instructions and personnel to contact in the event of fire or emergency.
- 1.8.8 Maintain the construction area to minimize the potential for fire or safety hazards resulting from storage of construction material, construction waste and debris during construction operations.
- 1.8.9 All temporary construction shall be built of noncombustible/fire retardant materials and shall be smoke tight.
- 1.8.10 Ensure that all penetrations made in fire resistance assemblies of the existing hospital building, to include smoke barriers, fire separation assemblies, and fire walls, are properly fire stopped within 4 hours after making the penetration.
- 1.8.11 Any fire watch required shall be by a qualified person provided by the Contractor who shall maintain constant observation of the affected area and have no other duties. The person providing the fire watch shall be trained in fire prevention and in the use of fire extinguishers, occupant hose lines, occupant fire protection system, in sounding the building fire alarm and in notifying the local fire department, and in understanding the particular fire safety situation for the project.
- 1.9 Contractor shall comply with the requirements to prevent false fire alarms as provided in Appendix A of this specification. Contractor shall provide a fire watch in accordance with paragraph 1.8 above when impairment of the fire alarm system or the sprinkler system exceeds 4 hours in a 24 hour period.
- 1.10 Sprinkler systems will not be shut down except for portions of the sprinkler system under renovation, modification or construction, or for new connections to the sprinkler system. Sprinkler systems will not be shut down to avoid accidental discharge of the sprinkler system caused by unintentional damage to the sprinkler system from construction activity. Provide metal head guards at each sprinkler head within the limits of work.
- 1.11 Do not compromise the integrity of existing smoke and fire barriers within any building. Comply with Providence VAMC Policy 138-11 requirements for maintaining the integrity of the existing fire protective construction. VAMC Policy 138-11 is at Appendix E to this specification section. Obtain permits from Providence VAMC prior to any installation of equipment, cables, power connections, conduit, piping or other work that penetrates or disturbs a smoke or fire barrier. All such work shall be approved by Facilities Management Service (FMS) of the VAMC Providence. A penetration permit must be secured from FMS

prior to disturbing the integrity of any fire or smoke barrier. The permit must be available for inspection at the project location. After the work is completed, the penetration must be repaired (sealed) utilizing UL/FM-listed through penetration fire stopping materials that meet the original smoke and fire compartmentalization performance of the barrier that was penetrated. All penetrations and miscellaneous openings must be protected according to NFPA 101, chapter 8. Ensure that all penetrations made in fire resistance assemblies of the existing hospital building, to include smoke barriers, fire separation assemblies, and fire walls, are properly fire stopped within 4 hours after making the penetration.

Identify through-penetration fire stop systems with pressure-sensitive, self-adhesive, preprinted vinyl labels. Attach labels permanently to surfaces of penetrated construction on both sides of each fire stop system installation where labels will be visible to anyone seeking to remove penetrating items or fire stop systems. Include the following information on labels:

- The words: "Warning -Through Penetration Fire stop System-Do Not Disturb. Notify Building Management of Any Damage."
- Contractor's Name, address, and phone number.
- Through-Penetration fire stop system designation of applicable testing and inspecting agency.
- Date of Installation.
- Through-Penetration fire stop system manufacturer's name.
- Installer's Name.

Upon completion of any penetration fire stopping, a visual inspection for approval must be requested from, and completed by the COTR.

- 1.12 Comply with requirements of the Providence VAMC Contractor Safety Manual, latest edition, which is included at Appendix D to this specification.
- 1.13 The US Army Corps of Engineers Safety and Health Requirements Manual, EM 385-1-1, is incorporated by reference and the contractor shall comply with the requirements of this manual. In the event of a conflict between the requirements of EM 385-1-1 and the Providence VAMC Contractor Safety Manual, the more stringent requirements shall apply.
- 1.14 Obtain a Crane Permit when use of a crane is intended. Comply with requirements of Providence VA Medical Center Facilities Management Service SOP Policy Memo 138-16 at Appendix G.
- 1.15 Contractor shall submit a site-specific Safety Plan that provide project-and site-specific activity hazard analyses and accident prevention plans. The Contractor's site-specific Safety plan shall be submitted for information purposes. The Safety Plan shall conform to the requirements of FAR 52.236-13 and shall include, as a minimum, provisions for the following:
 - Site access and control to restrict access by unauthorized persons and allow for separation of VA staff, patients and visitors from construction personnel.

- Site security to restrict unauthorized entry by contractor personnel into areas of building 1 determined by the VA to be non-accessible; and to address the need for identification badges to be worn by construction personnel; key control; and loading/unloading of materials and wastes.
 - The contractor's substance abuse policy and training requirements
 - Contractor's plan for site safety and health inspections
 - Contractor's plan for safety and health training
 - Contractor's site-specific fall protection program
 - Contractor's site-specific electrical safety plan
 - Contractor's requirements for use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - Contractor's accident reporting and investigation program. The contractor shall submit a written incident report to the VA Project Manager within 24 hours after any accident, injury, occupational illness, or other safety-related incident occurs, regardless of how minor the nature of the incident.
 - Contractor's emergency action plan and fire prevention and protection plan, to include training of contractor personnel in the provisions of these plans.
 - Contractor's minimum safety training requirements for its personnel and the personnel of its sub-contractors.
 - Contractor's requirements for sub-contractor conformance to the site-specific Safety Plan
 - Identity of the Contractor's designated "Competent Person" as defined by 29 CFR 1926 (OSHA Construction Industry Regulations). The contractor shall provide a Competent Person who shall be on the project site during activities when the expertise of the designated Competent Person is required.
 - Contractor's protocol for inspections by regulatory agencies.
- 1.16 Contractor shall comply with Providence VA Medical Center procedures for the Lockout/Tag Out of energy systems and devices. This procedure is stipulated in Facilities Management Service Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Number 12 dated July 5, 2011, which is included as Appendix F to this specification section.
- 1.17 All permits shall be posted in a visible location where the work is being performed (e.g., penetration permit, hot work permit, infection control permit).
- 1.18 Unless noted otherwise, the Contractor shall have present on the project site at any time work is being performed an employee of the Contractor who possesses a PIV (Personal Identity Verification) badge issued by the Providence VAMC. The PIV badge is part of a program mandated by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 and the Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 201-1. PIV badges take up to 3 months to obtain due to VA policy that requires that a background investigation (NACI) be completed prior to issuing the PIV badge. Requests for a PIV badge shall be initiated through the VA's Project Manager to the PIV Sponsor in the Facilities Management Service office of the Providence VA Medical Center. The Contractor shall complete and submit the PIV Form 0711 and fingerprint forms, and provide two forms

of identification (such as driver's license, birth certificate or passport). The Contractor shall pay the cost of any background investigation required to obtain the PIV badge. Providence VAMC will approve no more than two (2) PIV badges for a contractor for a single project. In no case will a PIV badge be issued to any sub-contractor. All other contractor personnel shall obtain a short-term identification badge issued by the VA's Project Manager. Such badge shall be worn by the individual and prominently displayed at all times while on VA property. No employee of the contractor shall enter the project site without a valid identification badge issued by the VA. In order to obtain a short-term identification badge, contractor personnel shall present to the VA Project Manager a valid (non-expired) photo identification issued by a US federal, state or local government agency.

- 1.19 Smoking is not permitted anywhere on VA property, except in areas clearly marked and designated for smoking. Currently, there is only one such designated area at the VAMC Providence.
- 1.20 For written Requests for Information, Contractors shall use the form at Appendix B to this specification.
- 1.21 Parking is rigidly controlled throughout the Medical Center. Parking of privately-owned vehicles by contractor personnel is prohibited on the hospital campus and is only allowed at the Davis Park location off Chalkstone Avenue. Parking in designated patient parking areas is strictly prohibited. Parking on grass is also prohibited. Parking for equipment necessary to perform the work will be authorized in advance of starting the project. Parking passes will be issued by the VA Police. Parking by contractors will be regulated in accordance with Providence VA Medical Center Policy Memorandum 07B-3 entitled *Registration of Privately Owned Vehicles* at Appendix H.
- 1.22 Cutting and Patching: Cutting of existing surfaces shall be made along neat, straight lines and shall extend only to the limits needed for the new work. Where removals leave holes and damaged surfaces exposed in the finished work, patch and repair these holes and damaged surfaces to match adjacent finished surfaces, using new materials of the same quality as that applied to existing adjacent finished surfaces. Perform removals and patching in a manner to produce surfaces suitable for receiving new work. Finished surface of patched area shall be flush with the adjacent existing surface and shall match the existing adjacent surface in appearance, texture, level, and finish. If adjacent existing surfaces are painted, the patched surface shall be painted in 3 coats (primer and 2 finish coats) using a paint that is compatible with the materials used for patching and in a color that matches the existing paint finish. Painting of patched walls shall cover the entire patched surface and extend vertically across existing surfaces from floor level to ceiling level and horizontally to a point where the existing wall surface changes direction. If adjacent existing wall surfaces are finished with wall covering, provide new wall covering to match color and texture of existing. Cover entire patched surface and extend new wall covering vertically across existing surfaces from floor level to ceiling level and extend horizontally

across existing surfaces to match existing wall covering in a neat vertical line.

- 1.23 Warranty Service: This hospital provides medical care to veterans 24 hours per day on every day of the year and therefore all building systems must be operating and functioning at all times. In the event that warranty service is required during the warranty period of any portion of the work provided as part of this contract, the contractor shall respond within 4 hours after notification that warranty service and/or repairs are required. Contractor response shall include dispatch of appropriate skilled trade personnel with the necessary materials, tools and equipment that shall arrive on site within 4 hours after notification of the need for warranty service. The contractor shall provide a single point of contact that is available 24 hours per day on every day of the year to receive notification of the need for warranty service. The requirement to respond within 4 hours of warranty service notification may be waived by the government if, at its sole discretion and judgment, the need for warranty service does not constitute an emergency.

1.24 APPENDICES

- A - Fire Systems Protection During Construction
- B - Request for Information
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- F - Lockout / Tag out Procedure (FMS SOP #12)
- G - Cranes
- H - Registration of Privately Owned Vehicles

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Appendix A

Fire Systems Protection During Construction

1. Preventing False Fire Alarms by Smoke Detectors During Construction

Construction and building maintenance activities can potentially generate sufficient airborne dust to activate a fire alarm through nearby smoke detectors. An alarm activated by a smoke detector is immediately transmitted to the municipal fire department, which responds to the hospital with equipment and personnel. In order to prevent false fire alarms from smoke detectors during construction or other maintenance activities, it has been the practice of construction personnel to place a cover over nearby smoke detectors to prevent airborne dust from entering the detector. This practice has been effective in preventing false fire alarms; however this practice has also led to undocumented impairments to the fire alarm system when these covers are not removed when no longer needed to prevent a false alarm.

The following measures will be taken to prevent false fire alarms through smoke detectors during construction while maintaining effective control over impairments to the fire alarm system:

--When it is determined that a smoke detector may be activated by construction dust, the contractor or project manager shall direct a request to one of the hospital's electronics technicians to disable the smoke detector or any other device of the fire alarm system. The request shall include the Node, Loop, and Address of the device(s) to be disabled, the duration, and the specific types of construction or maintenance activities that are planned. The electronics technician will disable the smoke detector until notified by either the contractor or project manager that construction has ended for the day. When notified that construction has ended for the day, the electronics technician will re-enable the smoke detector. The smoke detector that is disabled will indicate a "trouble" condition at the fire alarm control panel and serve as an active indication that a smoke detector or multiple detectors have been impaired. The "trouble" indication will also serve as a continuous reminder to hospital staff that the smoke detector(s) must be restored to normal service.

--Contractors or project managers shall provide at least **48** hours notice to the electronics technicians for disabling of a smoke detector or any other fire alarm system device.

--In no case will the smoke detector(s) be disabled for more than 8 hours in a single 24 hour period. If any smoke detector or any other fire alarm system device is disabled for more than 4 hours in a 24 hour period, the project manager will prepare an ILSM risk assessment and a fire watch shall be provided by the construction contractor as specified in the contract documents, or by hospital staff as designated by the project manager.

--Covers **shall not** be used on a smoke detector at any time. If found, covers shall be immediately removed from smoke detectors.

2. Sprinkler System Shutdowns during Construction

Construction and building maintenance may require the removal, modification, or relocation of sprinkler heads or piping. In order to prevent false fire alarms as a result of this sprinkler work, a procedure has been implemented for sprinkler system shutdowns. The following measures will be taken to prevent false fire alarms as a result of sprinkler work that maintains effective control over impairments to the installed sprinkler system:

When it is determined that the facility's sprinkler system must be shut down for system modifications, the contractor or project manager shall direct a request for shutdown to the VA. The request shall identify the specific area of the hospital impacted by the shutdown and the shutdown duration. The shutdown will be performed by VA staff. The VA staff will disable the fire alarm system points necessary to prevent false annunciation of a sprinkler system discharge. The VA staff, or the sprinkler system contractor when authorized in writing by the hospital, will close the appropriate riser valve(s) to isolate that portion of the sprinkler system that is being worked on or that needs to be isolated. The closed sprinkler valve(s) shall be identified with a sprinkler valve "SHUT" tag by the party that closed the valve(s). The closed sprinkler valve(s) will indicate a "trouble" condition at the fire alarm control panel to serve as an active indication that the sprinkler system has been impaired. The "trouble" indication will also serve as a continuous reminder to hospital staff that the sprinkler system must be restored to service.

If a section of the sprinkler system is to be drained for piping or sprinkler head replacement work, the VA staff will notify the City of Providence fire alarm division that the master box will be out of service and disable the appropriate sprinkler flow switches and/or fire main. Once the system is drained in the specific area, the VA staff can reinstall all sprinkler system flow switch devices and the master box so that they are not required to be present in the fire alarm room as a fire watch for the system. At the completion of the sprinkler system work, the contractor is responsible for notifying the VA staff that the construction activity has ended for the day and that the sprinkler system is to be refilled and restored to normal operation. The VA staff must take out all flow switches, fire alarm annunciating devices, and possibly main fire pump prior to recharging of the system. Once the appropriate devices are disabled the VA staff, or the contractor when authorized in writing by the hospital, can then start filling the system and bleeding air out the Inspector Test Valve (ITV) until the sprinkler system is completely refilled in the specific area of the facility. The contractor **must** stay in the impacted area for a minimum of **15** minutes after the system is refilled to ensure there are no leaks in or abnormalities to the fire and sprinkler systems.

--Contractors shall provide at least **48** hours notice to the VA for sprinkler system shutdown. Email is the preferred method of notification.

--In no case will the sprinkler system be disabled on two consecutive floors or in multiple areas at the same time in the main hospital building.

--In no case will the sprinkler system be disabled while smoke detectors or other fire alarm initiating devices are disabled in the same area.

--In no case will sprinkler systems be shut down except for portions of the sprinkler system under renovation, modification or construction, or for new connections to the sprinkler system. Sprinkler systems will not be shut down to avoid accidental discharge of the sprinkler system caused by unintentional damage to the sprinkler system from construction activity. Provide metal head guards at each sprinkler head within the limits of work.

--In no case will the sprinkler system be disabled for more than 8 hours in a single 24 hour period. If the sprinkler system must be disabled for more than 4 hours in a 24 hour period, the project manager will prepare an ILSM risk assessment and a fire watch shall be provided by the construction contractor as specified in the contract documents.

Appendix B

Request for Information Form

(See next Page)



Providence VA Medical Center
Facilities Management Service
633 Atwells Ave. 3rd floor
Providence, R.I. 02909
401-459-4760
Fax 401-421-0594

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NO.

PROJECT TITLE: _____ CONTRACT NO. _____ VA PROJECT NO. _____	DATE REQUIRED: _____
TO: _____	FROM: _____

REQUEST:

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Requested By: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____

RESPONSE:

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This response does not constitute a change to the contract and is not an authorization to the contractor to proceed with any work that modifies the contract price or the time of performance. If the contractor believes that this response modifies any portion of the contract, the contractor shall make timely notice to the Contracting Officer and await the Contracting Officer's direction before proceeding with any work that the contractor believes is a modification to the contract.



This response may constitute a change to the contract documents. Do not proceed with any work indicated in this response that changes the contract documents until directed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

Response By: _____	Concur: _____
Signed: _____	Signed: _____ VA Project Manager
Date: _____	Date: _____

Appendix C

PROVIDENCE VAMC INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES (ILSM) PLAN

ILSM MAY BE REQUIRED IN AREAS OR SMOKE COMPARTMENTS WHERE NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE.

DEFINITION:

INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES: A series of operational actions taken to temporarily reduce the hazard posed by existing fire prevention or Life Safety Code deficiencies during, and until the completion of a construction or renovation program within an area or smoke compartment.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Determining when ILSM are necessary.
2. Insure that required ILSM in areas/smoke compartments where construction or renovations are taking place are fully adhered to.
3. Determining when ILSM can be terminated

PROCEDURES

1. All new construction/renovation projects must evaluated by the project coordinator /supervisor using the attached **PVAMC ILSM Requirement Assessment Worksheet**.
2. If, upon completion of the worksheet, it is determined that an ILSM Plan is not needed, the project coordinator will send a copy to the PVAMC Safety Manager for concurrence.
3. If, upon completion of the worksheet, it is determined that an ILSM Plan is needed, the project coordinator will complete the form by documenting the administrative actions necessary to mitigate the Life Safety Code deficiencies introduced, and send a copy to the PVAMC Safety Manager for concurrence.
4. Facilities Management Service staff will utilize the attached Interim Life Safety Measures Checklist for conducting inspections of contractor areas when necessary.
5. The **PVAMC ILSM Requirement Assessment Worksheet**, 11 Administrative Actions that may be applied to the project as ILSM, and ILSM assessment flowchart are provided for reference.

PVAMC ILSM Requirement Assessment Worksheet

- These criteria will be used to evaluate smoke compartments in which a Life Safety Code deficiency has been identified, or in which construction, renovation or alteration activities are planned. Any "Yes" answers below may require ILSM to address occupant safety.
- Document any methods you plan on using, and what measures were taken under comments.
- Send to the Environmental Safety and Health Office-TR7, after completion.

Submitter : _____

Date Submitted: _____

Log# _____

Project: _____

Expected Duration: _____

Building: _____

Floor: _____

Room: _____

Criteria	YES	NO
The issue/work alters or significantly compromises exit access, exiting, or exit discharge building elements		
The issue/work compromises building compartmentation including fire or smoke walls, floor/ceiling assemblies, corridor walls, use area doors, or other defend in place elements		
The issue/work impairs the building Fire Protection Systems (alarm, sprinklers, suppression) for more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period.		
The activity includes Hot Work		
The activity includes large quantities of combustible materials, flammable materials, or generation of large amounts of dust and debris.		
Access to the area by emergency forces will be impaired		
Will non/limited combustible partitions be required?		

☐ ILSM are required*

☐ ILSM are not required*

* A yes answer to any of the above criteria may require that an ILSM be initiated. Use the following check sheet to denote the interim life safety measures appropriate for the issue/work which compromises life safety. Daily inspections of egress access will be completed in accordance with the checked sheet and completed on the attached form during the pendency of the compromise to a life safety system.. Periodic inspections of other aspects of an ILSM shall be completed during the pendency of the ILSM. All forms will be maintained by the Safety Manager with copies in the project file.

If an ILSM is not required, provide the completed assessment only to the safety manager for review. Maintain a copy in the project file.

Work:

1.

Comments:

1.

Reviewed by: _____ Safety Manager Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Chief Facilities Management Date: _____

Interim Life Safety Measures Check Sheet to be implemented

Project Name or other identifying information: _____

Log Number: _____

Place a check mark in each applicable ILSM activity as determined by an assessment of the risks identified in the Assessment Work Sheet.

#1 INSPECTIONS / SURVEILLANCE

- ☐ Increased surveillance of buildings, grounds, and equipment: shift / daily / other:
- ☐ Means of exiting construction areas inspected daily
- ☐ Implementation of Fire Watch
- ☐ Not applicable

#2 ACCESSIBILITY

- ☐ Maintenance of escape/egress routes from construction areas
- ☐ Maintenance of access to emergency services for emergency equipment, fire alarm pull stations, Fire Department connections (internal & external)
- ☐ Not applicable

#3 EQUIPMENT - LIFE SAFETY

- ☐ Temporary fire alarm, detection, suppression system in place
- ☐ Monthly testing and inspection of temporary systems
- ☐ Provide additional firefighting equipment in project area
- ☐ Provide additional firefighting equipment in adjacent areas
- ☐ Not applicable

#4 COMMUNICATIONS

- ☐ Notification to Municipal Fire Department (or applicable emergency forces group)
- ☐ Not applicable

#5 CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS / PRACTICES

- ☐ Partitions smoke tight and constructed of noncombustible or limited combustible materials
- ☐ Prohibition of smoking throughout building and in and near construction areas
- ☐ Implement appropriate storage practices

#6 FIRE DRILLS

- ☐ Implement appropriate housekeeping practices
- ☐ Implement appropriate debris removal practices
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ 2 fire drills per shift per quarter throughout Hospital (one additional drill beyond requirement of EC.5.30).
- ☐ 2 fire drills per shift per quarter in areas adjacent to project (one additional drill beyond requirement of EC.5.30)
- ☐ More than 2 fire drills per shift per quarter throughout Hospital. If yes, how many _____
- ☐ More than 2 fire drills per shift per quarter in areas adjacent to project. If yes, how many _____
- ☐ Not applicable

#7 TRAINING

- ☐ Additional training for staff in immediate area
- ☐ Additional training for staff throughout hospital
- ☐ Additional training for incident response team
- ☐ Training to promote awareness of fire-safety building deficiencies, construction hazards, ILSM
- ☐ Training on changes in physical environment (egress routes)
- ☐ Training on firefighting equipment
- ☐ Training on compensating for impaired structural or compartmentalization features of fire safety
- ☐ Not applicable

Other measures: _____

Comments: _____

Prepared by: _____

Reviewed by: _____ Safety Manager Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Chief Facilities Management Date: _____

ILSM Inspection Form

Project Name: _____

Log Number: _____

Date: _____

Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____

	Measure	<u>Applicable</u>		Compliance Status	Date/Initials
		Y	N		
1.	Exits are inspected on a daily basis and are free and unobstructed. No construction materials, equipment, or debris block free use of all exits adjacent to the construction site or are impacted by the project. Temporary exit signs are in place.				
2.	Provide temporary, but equivalent fire alarm and detection system.				
3.	Provides additional fire-fighting equipment (fire extinguishers). Equipment is functional and tests are up to date.				
4.	Temporary construction partitions are smoke tight, or made of noncombustible material, or made of limited combustible material that will not contribute to the development or spread of fire.				
5.	Surveillance is increased of buildings, grounds, and equipment with special attention to construction areas and storage, excavation, and field offices.				
6.	Enforces storage, housekeeping, and debris removal practices that reduce the building's flammable and combustible fire load to the lowest feasible level.				
7.	Additional training is provided to those in the hospital on the use of fire-fighting equipment.				
8.	One additional fire drill per shift, per quarter is conducted.				
9.	Temporary systems are tested and inspected monthly, and the completion dates for these tests is documented.				
10.	Education is conducted to promote the awareness of building deficiencies, construction hazards, and temporary measures implemented to maintain fire safety.				
11.	Training for those who work in the hospital is done to compensate for impaired structural or compartmental features.				

Prepared by: _____ Project Manager, Date: _____

Inspected by: _____ Date: _____

Appendix D

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INTRODUCTION

All contractors, Project Managers, and employees engaged in construction activities at the PVAMC must be aware of the construction safety requirements outlined in this manual.

The implementation of construction safety programs will minimize the potential for injuries and illnesses to our patients, employees and visitors from unsafe construction activities conducted by contractors and VA employees, including operations and maintenance crews, permanent construction crews and temporary purchase and hire staff.

It is the policy of the VHA to protect patients, staff, visitors and contractors from safety and health hazards associated with construction activity on VA/VHA property and leased property at which VA-funded construction is occurring.

Construction activities are defined as those that include VHA projects performed by employees or contractors and enhanced use lease projects within structures fully managed by VHA or within the purview of VHA authority.

Safety is a philosophy and a practice that identifies and eliminates job site hazards throughout the lifecycle of a project and discourages work practices and equipment that place individuals at risk of injury.

This manual outlines programs and procedures to maintain a healthy environment of care for our patients and a safe and healthy worksite for employees, visitors and contractors during construction activities.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Standard Safety and Security Rules

The following are some reasons for which an employee of a contractor may be temporarily or permanently removed from Medical Center premises:

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or regulated drugs not prescribed by a physician
- Possession of explosives, firearms, ammunition, and other weapons
- Deliberate violation of safety or security rules
- Illegal dumping, handling, or disposal of hazardous materials
- Destruction or removal, without written permission, of any property belonging to Providence VAMC, the property owner, employee, or other contractors or employees
- Failure to follow the directions or instructions of a VA Police Officer, VA COTR or VA Project Manager
- Failure to wear in a visible manner a facility issued identification badge
- Intimidating, threatening, harassing, impeding or interfering with an inspector, security officer, or Providence VAMC employee or designated representative
- Using emergency exits other than for emergencies
- Misuse of fire prevention and protection equipment
- Unauthorized removal or destruction of a safety barricade, handrail, guardrail, warning sign, fall protection, or other warning devices intended to protect PVAMC's students, faculty, employees, neighbors or property.

For additional information on safety guidelines that are related to security issues, you may refer to the Providence VAMC Police Department

1.2 Safety Permits and Procedures

The following operations may present a hazard to PVAMC employees, visitors, patients, neighbors or property. Therefore, you must obtain written approval through the Providence VAMC Project Manager before:

- Working on fire protection/detection systems
- Penetrating any smoke/fire barrier wall
- Performing burning, welding, cutting, soldering, or other hot work
- Performing any work above an existing finished ceiling
- Obstructing an exit door or any exit path within any building
- Obstructing access to the hospital by emergency services
- Working on electrical, steam, chilled water systems or other energized systems
- Moving emergency equipment (fire extinguishers, first aid kits, etc.) provided by PVAMC
- Installing a temporary electrical service
- Working with hazardous chemicals (including solvents and paints)
- Generating hazardous wastes (including waste oil)
- Using powder actuated tools
- Using a gas, diesel, or LP (propane) powered engine indoors
- Operating a power vehicle or self-propelled work platform
- Excavation/trenching
- Using radioactive sources or conducting field radiography (x-ray)
- Working with asbestos-containing materials
- Working on security systems
- Working with compressed air/gases
- Using a laser
- Working on a fume or biological hood
- Working on a solvent storage cabinet
- Working on heating, ventilation, or air conditioning equipment
- Working on a roof
- Lifting or hoisting with cranes, derricks, hoists or helicopter
- Performing blasting operations

Special Rules for Operations Involving Utilities:

- Only Providence VAMC Facilities Operations may shut down or start up operating utilities.
- You must notify your Project Manager, who will coordinate with Providence VAMC Facilities Operations, *in advance* of the need for such shutdowns or startups.

Special Rules for Lockout/Tagout of Machinery, Pipes, etc.:

- If you intend to service or maintain machinery that could hurt someone if it were to unexpectedly start up, you must inform the Providence VAMC Project Manager of the Lockout/Tagout procedures you intend to follow.
- See Section 3.3 on Lockout/Tagout generally.

1.3 Housekeeping

You must maintain good housekeeping. You must keep work areas neat, clean, orderly and free of excess trash and debris and never block walkways, stairs, exits, or create a tripping hazard. Cover and/or place guardrails around open holes, trenches, or excavations into which PVAMC's visitors, patients, or employees may fall. Poor housekeeping at a job site may lead to an increased potential for safety hazards and an increased incidence of accidents and chemical spills.

1.4 Accident, Incident, Injury, or Illness

After notifying the appropriate emergency agency (e.g., 9-1-1), work related accidents, incidents, injuries, and illnesses must be immediately reported to the Providence VAMC Project Manager or representative. The Contractor is responsible for notifying OSHA for any incidents that are reportable to that agency.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

2.1 Hazardous Waste Management

Hazardous waste generated by a Contractor as part of its work must be properly identified, stored and disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws. The Contractor must coordinate with its Providence VAMC representative to provide a list of hazardous waste(s) to be generated during the project, and to determine the location(s) available for hazardous waste storage. The Contractor must also ensure, at a minimum, proper labeling, adequate secondary containment, segregation of incompatible materials and routine inspection of storage areas as required by law. In addition, all hazardous waste containers shall be constructed of a material that is compatible with the waste, shall be in sound condition, and shall be kept securely closed at all times in accordance with applicable regulations. Containers and/or tanks used to store hazardous wastes must be managed in accordance with applicable regulations and must be inspected daily.

The Contractor is responsible for completing all disposal documents, which may include, but are not limited to, waste profiles, waste analytical samples and hazardous waste manifests. Providence VAMC shall be designated as the Generator on all documents and shall be provided with copies of all waste analyses, land disposal restriction forms and related documentation. Copies of all disposal documents shall be submitted to the Project Manager for review at least 5 days prior to shipment. The Project Manager or an EH&S representative will sign the manifests as the Generator. At the time of shipment, the Contractor shall provide the bottom three copies of the manifest to the Project Manager or the PVAMC EH&S representative for distribution to the appropriate agencies. Contractor employees must be appropriately trained in hazardous waste procedures. In the event a Contractor encounters previously unidentified material that is reasonably believed to be radioactive, volatile, corrosive, flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, toxic, hazardous, asbestos containing or oil-based, the Contractor shall immediately stop work in the affected area and report the condition to the Project Manager. At no time shall such material be disposed of in chutes, dumpsters, drains, pipes or any other waste container. The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Project Manager and any consultants engaged by the Project Manager to perform services with respect to the analysis, detection, removal, containment, treatment and disposal of such regulated materials.

2.2 Transport of Hazardous Materials

All transportation of hazardous materials while on Providence VAMC property shall be conducted in accordance with USDOT Hazardous Materials Regulations for proper packaging, marking/labeling, handling, documentation, etc. At no time should hazardous materials be transported via public or private roads at Providence VAMC in a manner that could result in an unsafe condition for personnel or the environment.

2.3 Spill Prevention and Control

Providence VAMC's Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Program establishes Medical Center-wide procedures for the prevention and detection of spills and/or releases of oil or hazardous materials, including the following:

- Based on the inventory of oil and hazardous chemicals that will be brought on-site, the Contractor shall have available equipment (e.g., secondary containment pallets, absorbent pads, absorbent booms, speedi-dry) that is suitable and sufficient to control a potential spill/release.
- The Contractor is responsible for identifying conveyances to the environment (e.g., sumps, storm/floor drains, etc.) and adequately minimizing spill potential to these areas.
- The Contractor is responsible for the proper storage of all flammable and combustible chemicals that are brought and/or stored on site to complete the work of this contract. Such storage may require the use of safety containers, safety cabinets, and/or secondary containment. The Contractor shall also ensure that any incompatible chemicals are safely segregated. The Contractor is responsible for maintaining and securing all chemical containers and all chemical storage areas. This requires selecting locations and methods to minimize exposure to rainfall, surface water, and the ground surface or subsurface. Enclosures, shelters, and secondary containment should be used where appropriate.
- The Contractor must use appropriate protective procedures such as double containment, employee training, overflow protection, and other measures as part of activities involving the use, storage, or handling of petroleum products or hazardous materials on Providence VAMC Property.
- The Contractor must ensure that his/her employees are adequately trained in spill procedures outlined below. The Medical Center's SPCC Program also establishes reporting requirements in the event of a spill or release of oil or hazardous materials. In the event of a release or spill, the Contractor must follow all of the reporting requirements of the SPCC Program as specified below:

(1) The Contractor shall extinguish all sources of ignition and isolate incompatibles or reactive chemical substances.

(2) The Contractor shall determine if the spill/release is incidental or non-incidental.

(3) For incidental spills/releases:

- ◆ The Contractor shall attempt to stop or contain the spill/release at the source provided that doing so does not endanger anyone.
- ◆ The Contractor shall prevent discharge of materials to environmental receptors including drains, sumps, soil, etc.
- ◆ The Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Manager of all incidental spills/releases.
- ◆ The Contractor is responsible for the proper collection, storage and disposal of waste materials in compliance with EPA and R.I. DEM regulations and in cooperation with the Project Manager.

(4) For non-incidental spills/release:

- ◆ The Contractor shall immediately report the spill/release to the Medical Center's Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Department who will advise you on the need for initiating contact with spill response vendors.
- ◆ The Contractor shall follow the steps for incidental spill/releases identified in item (3) above, provided that it is safe to do so.
- ◆ PVAMC's EH&S Department will coordinate ALL reporting to outside agencies and will conduct follow-up written notifications if necessary.
- ◆ The Contractor will conduct an incident analysis and coordinate with the Project Manager and the PVAMC EH&S Department on any actions that are required to prevent recurrence.
- ◆ If it is deemed necessary to engage a professional spill cleanup company, the PVAMC EH&S Department will coordinate the cleanup through the Project Manager.

2.4 Pest Control

If a Contractor or his/her employees see evidence of cockroaches, mice, ants or other pests during the course of their work, they must notify the Project Manager immediately. The Contractor shall not use any insecticide products on Medical Center property unless such activities are part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so.

2.5 Air Emissions

Combustion Units

[Combustion units include, but are not limited to, boilers, heaters, emergency generators and kilns.]

1. **“Incidental”** spills meet **ALL** of the following criteria: 1) personnel are familiar with the hazards associated with the spilled material; 2) containment/response does not pose potential health and safety hazards (e.g. fire, explosion or chemical exposure); 3) a small quantity (less than 10 gallons) of material is spilled/release which **DOES NOT** reach the environment or pose potential health and hazardous; and 4) spilled/release material can be readily absorbed, neutralized, or otherwise controlled at the time of release by employees in the immediate area or by maintenance personnel.

“Non-incidenta” spills include 1) major spills/release (e.g. greater than 10 gallons) that do not reach the environment or 2) any amount of spilled material that escapes to the environment (including drains, sumps, soil, etc.).

All Contractors must immediately report the following to the Project Manager:

- Any maintenance or repairs to a combustion unit that could result in a change in maximum heat input value or overall emissions (e.g. burner replacement or fuel conversions)
- Any conditions discovered which could have resulted in an increase on air pollutant emissions.

CFC Containing Units [CFC containing units include those containing any ozone depleting refrigerants including, but not limited to, Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) and Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC).]

Contractors shall immediately notify the Project Manager whenever they become aware of any unintentional or intentional release of CFCs above de-minimis levels as established by EPA regulators.

Contractors shall provide the following documentation to the Project Manager:

- EPA certifications for any reclaimers to which CFC products evacuated from Providence VAMC systems are to be sent.
- Certifications for any CFC recycle/recovery equipment to be used at PVAMC
- Technician Certifications
- Service records for all units containing greater than 50 pounds of refrigerant. Records must include the date and type of service and the type and quantity of refrigerant added.

Contractors shall immediately notify and provide documentation to the Project Manager whenever:

- A leak rate equals or exceeds 35% per year for commercial/industrial processes
- A leak rate equals or exceeds 15% per year for comfort cooling processes
- A release occurs of >100 pounds in a 24 hour period for CFC-12, CFC-113 and R-500. Halon Service providers shall immediately notify the Project Manager whenever it becomes aware of any unintentional or intentional release of halon.

2.6 Stormwater and Wastewater

Stormwater

Projects that disrupt over one (1) acre of land must adhere to the EPA’s Phase II stormwater requirements.

These projects are required to obtain a NPDES permit and implement best management practices. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining such permits before the start of work.

Wastewater

Providence VAMC’s wastewater discharge is regulated by Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC). The discharge of any wastewater must adhere to these permit requirements. These include but are not limited to:

- No discharge of mercury, silver or other metal-bearing wastewater
- No discharge of highly corrosive substances (5 < pH > 10.5)
- No discharge of flammable materials that could create a hazard for Providence VAMC personnel these are the only references that will be noted in the policy. or NBC treatment works personnel.

1.0 The Contractor must identify all wastewater streams for the Project Manager and obtain approval for drain discharge.

2.7 Biological/Chemical/Radioactivity Hazards

Some Providence VAMC operations involve the use of biological, chemical, or radioactive material that can be hazardous to PVAMC's visitors, patients, or employees if not handled safely. Areas where work with biological, chemical, or radioactive materials is being performed will be marked with appropriate signs.

Do not enter these areas and do not handle hazardous biological, chemical, or radioactive material unless it is part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so.

2.8 Asbestos Containing Materials

Providence VAMC will have determined, before work is begun, the presence, location, and quantity of asbestos-containing or potentially asbestos-containing materials that would be specifically impacted by the work of your contract. The Providence VAMC Project Manager will provide a specific asbestos audit report for those work areas in question. The contractor shall not disturb asbestos-containing materials unless such activities are part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so. Asbestos abatement contractors should coordinate with the Project Manager and the Medical Center's EH&S Department for specific requirements for asbestos abatement work.

The Contractor shall not disturb, damage or otherwise handle any *suspect* asbestos containing material. It is recommended that the following suspect materials be assumed to contain asbestos:

Cement Pipes, High Temperature Gaskets, Electrical Wiring Insulation

Cement Wallboard, Lab Hoods/Benches/Gloves, Chalkboards

Cement Wallboard, Fire Blankets/Curtains/Doors, Roofing Shingles and Felt

Flooring, Backing, Elevator Equipment Panels, Base Flashing

Construction Mastics, Elevator Brake Shoes, Thermal Paper Products

Acoustical Plaster, HVAC Duct Insulation, Caulking/Putties

Decorative Plaster, Boiler Insulation Adhesives

Textured Paints/Coatings, Breeching, Insulation, Wallboard

Ceiling Tiles and Lay-in Panels, Pipe Insulation, Joint Compound

Spray-applied Insulation, Cooling Towers, Vinyl Wall Coverings

Blown-in Insulation, Electrical Cloth, Asphalt Floor Tile

Fireproofing Materials, Heating and Electrical Ducts, Vinyl Sheet Flooring

Taping Compounds, Electrical Panel Partitions, Vinyl Floor Tile

Packing Materials (wall/floor penetrations), Ductwork, Flexible Fabric, Connectors, Spackling Compounds

The Contractor shall not sweep, dust, vacuum or mop dust or debris that is the product of a suspect asbestos containing material. The Contractor shall also not pick up or throw away any suspect asbestos-containing waste or trash. If it material that is suspected to be asbestos-containing is disturbed and becomes airborne, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Manager.

If it is part of the Contractor's work, stripping of floor finishes shall be done using low abrasion pads at speeds lower than 300 rpm and wet methods shall be used. The Contractor shall take care not to overstrip floors and shall stop stripping immediately upon removal of the old surface coat. Sanding of flooring material is strictly prohibited unless it is part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so.

Any suspect asbestos containing material that is observed by the Contractor to be crushed, ripped, broken or in any way damaged should be reported to the Project Manager immediately.

Contractors must, within 24 hours, convey to the Providence VAMC Project Manager any information they newly discover concerning the presence, location and quantity of asbestos-containing or potentially asbestos-containing materials.

2.9 Lead Paint

Unless the Providence VAMC Project Manager provides a specific lead-paint inspection, Contractor's should assume that any painted surface they come in contact with is coated with lead-based paint.

Therefore, Contractor's should not perform any intrusive, dust-generating work on painted surfaces (e.g., drilling, cutting, brazing, scraping, demolition), unless the surface has confirmed to be non-lead or unless such work is part of your contracted work and you are specifically trained to do so.

Any painted surfaces that have loose, flaking, chipping or otherwise non-intact paint should not be

impacted by the Contractor and should be reported to the Project Manager immediately.

Lead paint abatement contractors should coordinate with the Project Manager and the Medical Center's EH&S Department for specific requirements for lead abatement work. Refer to the section of this manual on Hazardous Waste for guidelines on the proper disposal of lead containing paint.

3.0 OSHA SAFETY ISSUES

3.1 Hazardous Materials and Hazard Communication

Hazardous Materials

- Do not handle or use hazardous materials without training by your company's representative.
- No solvents, paints, or similar flammable, toxic, or irritating materials may be used in areas occupied by Providence VAMC employees, visitors, or patients unless specifically approved in writing by the Providence VAMC Project Manager.
- Maintain adequate ventilation when paints or solvents are used.
- Use flammable solvents and materials with extreme caution.
- Store flammable paints and solvents in approved flammable liquid storage cabinets if inside buildings.

Hazard Communication

The Contractor shall submit an inventory of all hazardous chemicals that are brought on-site with accompanying Material Safety Data Sheets to the Project Manager. The Contractor shall also ensure that all containers that are brought on site for the storage of hazardous chemicals (e.g., gas, paint, etc.) are labeled and inspected in accordance with all applicable regulations. The Contractor shall remove all hazardous chemicals that it brings on-site when work involving a specific hazardous chemical is complete.

The Contractor may request and review Material Safety Data Sheets for any chemicals that are encountered on Medical Center property during the performance of its work.

3.2 Confined Space Entry

Background

Providence VAMC has developed and implemented a Confined Space Entry Program to protect all Medical Center employees who are required to enter confined spaces. PVAMC's complete written program is available for review upon request to the Project Manager.

This Medical Center-wide program defines a "Confined Space" and an "Enclosed Space" in accordance with 29CFR §§ 1910.146 and 1910.269, respectively. Entrance into any of these spaces by a Contractor requires adherence with all applicable regulations as well as with certain Medical Center protocols as defined further below.

As part of the Confined Space Entry Program, the Medical Center performed hazard assessments, developed inventories and posted all confined and enclosed spaces at the point of entry. These postings include information on the classification of the space (e.g., "Permit Required", "Non-permit Required"), the confined space ID number, the location, the known hazards, and the minimum personal protective equipment needed for entry. Where available the Medical Center's experience with the confined space is also included on the signage. The Medical Center Confined Space Inventory and hazard assessment forms are available for review.

Requirements

- The Contractor is responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining his/her own Confined Space Entry Program, including provisions for emergency rescue in accordance with OSHA regulations as it applies to the work of this contract.
- If during the course of its work, the Contractor encounters a confined space that has not been previously identified by the Medical Center, it must immediately bring the space to the attention of the Project Manager and delay entry until Providence VAMC has examined the space.
- When both Medical Center personnel and Contractor personnel are working in or near confined spaces, the Contractor shall coordinate all operation with the affected Medical Center personnel before entry.
- Advance notification is always required. Whether you enter a confined space with a PVAMC employee or not, the Contractor's entry attendant must always first *inform* the Providence VAMC Project Coordinator *before* you enter a confined space.

The Contractor shall provide the Project Coordinator with:

- The exact location of the confined space and confined space ID number;
- The time of entry and approximate entry duration; and
- The names of authorized attendants and entrants.
- *After the entry:* If you have entered a “permit-required” confined space, you must, after the entry is concluded, notify Providence VAMC Project Coordinator of (1) the permit space program you followed and (2) any hazards you confronted or created in the space.

3.3 Lockout / Tagout

Providence VAMC protects its patients, visitors, employees, neighbors and property in part by complying with 29 CFR 1910.147 – Control of Hazardous Energy Sources (Lockout/Tagout). As part of PVAMC’s Lockout/Tagout Program, standard locks and tags are used to control the start-up of equipment that is being serviced or maintained by its employees. At no time shall the Contractor or its employees override any locks or tags that they encounter during the performance of its work.

The Contractor is responsible for developing; implementing and maintaining his/her own Lockout/Tagout Program in accordance with OSHA regulations as it applies to the work of this contract. The Contractor shall submit a copy of its Lockout/Tagout Program to the Project Manager or Property Manager before the start of any work where 29 CFR 1910.147 is applicable. The only purpose of this submission is to ensure that, for the safety of PVAMC’s students, faculty, employees, neighbors or property, the Contractor’s Lockout/Tagout procedures are consistent with restrictions and prohibitions of PVAMC’s Lockout/Tagout program.

- Providence VAMC Engineering and Utilities will shut down and start up utility systems.
- The Contractor will maintain a log of all machines and equipment that are locked out and/or tagged out during the performance of the work of this contract. This log shall identify the equipment that was worked on, the date that work was performed, and the name of the individual performing the work.

The Contractor will submit this log to the Project Manager on a monthly basis when Lockout/Tagout work is being performed.

3.4 General Electrical Safety

- Only qualified electricians are permitted to work on electrical systems and equipment that uses or controls electrical power.
- Do not operate electrical tools or equipment in wet areas or areas where potentially flammable dusts, vapors, or liquids are present, unless specifically approved for the location.
- Should a circuit breaker or other protective device “trip,” ensure that a qualified electrician checks the circuit and equipment and corrects problems before resetting the breaker.
- Erect barriers and post warning signs to ensure non-authorized personnel stay clear of the work area.
- Report hazards (lack of protective guards or covers, damaged equipment, etc.) to the PVAMC Medical Center Project Manager immediately.
- Do not leave electrical boxes, switch gear, cabinets, or electrical rooms open when not directly attended. Insulate energized parts when covers have been removed or doors are ajar. Use of cardboard, plywood, or other flammable materials to cover energized circuits is prohibited.

3.5 Compressed Gas Cylinders

Compressed gases can pose a severe hazard to PVAMC’s patients, visitors, employees, neighbors and property. Therefore, the following measures must be taken for their protection:

- Valve protection caps must be in place when compressed gas cylinders are transported, moved, or stored.
- Close cylinder valves and replace valve covers when work is complete and when cylinders are empty or moved.
- Secure compressed gas cylinders in an upright position in a welding cart or to a solid object (using chains, straps, or a rigid retaining bar). Secure compressed gas cylinders on an approved carrier while being transported.

- Keep cylinders at a safe distance or shielded from welding or cutting operations. Do not place cylinders where they can contact an electrical circuit.
- Keep oxygen and flammable gas regulators in proper working order and a wrench in position on the acetylene valve when in use. If not manifolded together, separate oxygen and flammable gas cylinders by 20 feet or a 5 foot high fireproof barrier.
- If a leak develops in a cylinder and it cannot be immediately corrected, move the cylinder to a safe location outside the building.
- Use only approved spark igniters to light torches.
- Cylinders must not be taken into or stored in confined spaces, including gang boxes and office/storage trailers.
- Do not store hoses and regulators in unventilated or closed containers or areas.
- Do not leave behind partially filled or empty cylinders. Always remove them from the site.

3.6 Powder-Actuated Tools

Powder-actuated tools can pose hazards to PVAMC's patients, visitors, employees, neighbors and property. Such tools are, therefore, not permitted in occupied Providence VAMC buildings without the approval of the PVAMC Medical Center Project Manager. In addition:

- Contractor's who operate powder-actuated tools must be properly trained in their use and carry a valid operator's card provided by the equipment manufacturer.
- Each powder-actuated tool must be stored in its own locked container when not being used.
- A sign at least 7 inches by 10 inches with bold face type reading "POWDER-ACTUATED TOOL IN USE" must be conspicuously posted when the tool is being used.
- Powder-actuated tools must be left unloaded until they are actually ready to be used.
- Powder-actuated tools must be inspected for obstructions or defects each day before use.
- All Powder-actuated tool operators must have and use appropriate personal protective equipment such as hard hats, safety goggles, safety shoes and ear protectors.

3.7 Welding, Cutting, and Brazing Hot Work Permit

- Obtain a permit from the Project Manager for each separate work activity and ensure that all conditions of the permit are met at all times. The permit must be obtained from the Contract Coordinator prior to the start of any welding/cutting/brazing work. In addition, the Contractor must also maintain its own hot work permit system in accordance with OSHA regulations.
- Remove combustible materials from the area before beginning work.
- Elevate oxygen/acetylene hoses seven feet above the work area or otherwise protect them from damage.
- Install anti-flash back (safety/check) valves in both the oxygen/acetylene hoses at the regulator.
- Shield adjacent areas with welding partitions.
- Have a second person stand by with an approved fire extinguisher for welding and burning operations in accordance with OSHA regulations and permit requirements. This person should remain in the area for a minimum of 30 minutes after the hot work is completed to ensure the site is cold.

3.8 Cranes and Rigging

Each crane, rigging, or hoist brought onto Providence VAMC property must have an annual inspection performed by a certified testing agency. Before operations begin on site, documentation, including a log book, must be provided to Providence VAMC Project Manager or its designee.

The operator is responsible for the proper placement of the crane in relationship to the load to be handled and the landing area so as to obtain the best rated lift capacity, and the installation and maintenance of crane swing radius protection.

All operators must possess a valid R.I. hoisting license. Documentation of this license shall be provided to the Providence VAMC Project Manager. At no time shall loads be hoisted by a non licensed operator.

3.9 Miscellaneous Additional Safety Rules for the Protection of PVAMC Patients, Visitors, Employees, Neighbors and Property

- Do not perform work over the heads of people or leave tools or equipment overhead.
- Isolate your work area with safety markers, tape barriers, blinker lights, etc.
- Report unsafe acts or conditions to your supervisor.

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PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 PURPOSE

- A. To establish policy and procedures regarding penetrations in ceilings, floors, pipe chases, rated fire walls, and smoke barriers for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of Building #1 Type II-222 Construction as required in NFPA 101, Chapter 8 and the Joint Commission to provide for the safety of occupants during fire incidents. (The equivalent Construction Type per ICC Building Code is Type IB.)

1.2 POLICY

- A. All penetrations made in floors, fire barriers and smoke partition for the purpose of installation/removal of pipe, conduit, cable, or ductwork or other modifications including incidental damage, or the removal of such item, will be repaired and firestopped upon the completion of the work, and documented as repaired. This policy applies to all vertical and horizontal penetrations and to all medical center staff and Contractors.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Penetrations are any holes, openings or faults created in a fire barrier or smoke partition that compromise the integrity of the smoke or fire rating of the penetrated structure.
- B. Firestopping materials are any materials used to replace or repair any penetrations. Materials used must meet specifications and testing by FM, UL, or WH that ensure that the original integrity and rating of the penetrated surface will be restored.
- C. Fire Barriers are floor/ceiling assemblies and walls, including supporting construction that meets the conditions of acceptance of NFPA 251, Standard Methods of Tests of Fire Endurance of Building Construction and Materials. Fire barriers are designed to form fire compartments and are constructed to be continuous from outside wall to outside wall, floor to floor or ceiling, from one fire barrier to another, or a combination thereof, including continuity through concealed spaces.
- D. Smoke Barrier is a continuous membrane designed and constructed to restrict the passage of smoke . Smoke Barriers are designed to form smoke compartments and are constructed to be continuous from outside wall to outside wall, floor to floor or ceiling, from one fire or smoke barrier to another, or a combination thereof, including continuity through concealed spaces.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit manufacturers literature, data, installation instructions and detail drawings for each type of penetrating item and the construction of the barrier it is passing through indicating the type of firestopping and/or smoke stopping material used. Manufacturer's details shall indicate the listing number given by FM, UL, or WH for each firestopping system.
- B. Alternate submittals can be a Certified Laboratory test report for ASTM E814 tests of systems not listed by FM, UL, or WH. (ASTM E814 is the Standard Test Method for Fire Tests of Through-Penetration Firestops.) Another type of submittal is a written Manufacturer's Engineering Judgement, derived from a similar UL system, that a modified design meets the required protection level of the UL listed test.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 FIRESTOP SYSTEMS

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- A. Use either factory built Firestop Devices or field erected through penetration firestop systems to form a specific listed firestop system that will maintain the required integrity of the fire or smoke barrier and stop the passage of gases or smoke.
- B. Through penetration firestop systems and firestop devices tested in accordance with ASTM E814 or UL 1479 use the “F” or “T” rating to maintain the same rating and integrity as the fire barrier being sealed. “T” ratings are not required for penetrations smaller than or equal to 4 inch nominal pipe of 16 square inches in overall cross sectional area.
- C. Products requiring heat activation to seal an opening by its intumescence shall exhibit a tested and demonstrated ability to function as designed to maintain the fire or smoke barrier.
- D. Firestop sealants used for firestopping or smoke sealing shall have the following properties:
 - 1. Contain no flammable or toxic solvents.
 - 2. Have no dangerous or flammable out gassing during the drying or curing of products.
 - 3. Water resistant after drying or curing and unaffected by high humidity, condensation or transient water exposure.
 - 4. When used in exposed areas, shall be capable of being sanded and finished with similar surface treatments as used on the surrounding wall, ceiling or floor surface.
- E. Firestopping system or devices used for penetrations by glass pipe, plastic pipe or conduits, unenclosed cables, or other non-metallic materials shall have the following properties:
 - 1. Classified for use with the particular type of penetrating material used.
 - 2. Penetrations containing loose electrical and/or computer data cables, and other non-metallic communications cables shall be protected using firestopping systems that allow unrestricted cable changes without damage to the seal.
 - 3. Intumescent products which would expand to seal the opening shall act as a fire, smoke, toxic fume and water sealant.
- F. Maximum flame spread of 25 and smoke development of 50 when tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
- G. FM, UL, or WH rated or tested by an approved Laboratory in accordance with ASTM E814.
- H. Materials shall be asbestos free.

PART 3 EXECUTION

- 3.1 Submit for approval all product data drawings and installation instructions, as required by “Submittals”, after examining the Contract Documents and performing an on-site careful examination of the areas to receive firestopping. If there is any doubt about the location of fire rated or smoke rated partitions, request or refer to information contained in the current SOC (Statement of Condition) document and drawings available at the FMS offices.
- 3.2 In all cases when a ceiling, floor, wall or partition designated as a fire or smoke barrier is compromised for the purpose of installation, repair, or other modification, the following steps are required:
 - A. All penetration contracted work, **including Information Resource Management (IRM) projects**, is to be submitted and approved by a Facilities Management Service (FMS) Project Manager or Maintenance Department PM.
 - B. A penetration permit must be secured from a FMS Project Manager or FMS Maintenance Department PM prior to disturbing the integrity of any wall or floor/ceiling barrier. The permit must be available for inspection at the subject location. **(See Attachment “A”, enclosed.)**

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- C. Provide temporary firestopping, smoke seal and waterproofing of all penetrations in smoke and fire rated floor and wall assemblies immediately following core drilling or cutting if permanent work and firestopping measures will follow at a later time.
- D. Where penetrations are created in existing floors and/or partitions, they shall be temporarily firestopped by the close of construction each day. In the case of major projects requiring the prolonged existence of floor and/or partition openings, temporary firestopping shall be provided at the end of each workday. Temporary firestopping may constitute a single layer of fire rated gypsum board secured in place over the opening or mineral fiber may be placed in the opening. Fiber thickness shall be sufficient to meet or exceed the inherent fire resistance rating of the building material being penetrated and shall be secured in place with non-combustible material or fasteners.
- E. After the final work is completed, the penetration must be firestopped according to the submitted and approved UL, FM or WH listed through penetration firestopping materials or system that meet the original smoke barrier or fire rated construction requirements.
- F. Upon completion of any penetration repair, a visual inspection for approval shall be requested from and completed by a FMS Project Manager or FMS Maintenance Dept PM.
- G. After completion of the field inspection, the completed permit will be signed by the Contractor/Installer and the inspecting FMS – PM or FMS Maintenance Dept PM. That signed document shall then become the official Document or Record and be distributed as indicated on the Permit Form.

PART 4 RESPONSIBILITY

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of the FMS Project Manager or FMS Maintenance Dept to ensure that penetration permits are issued and final inspections are conducted. Any deficiencies found remaining during the inspection will be discussed with the COTR and remedied by the firestop installer.
- 4.2 The Chief of Facilities Management Service is responsible for ensuring that any PVAMC staff making penetrations into fire and/or smoke barriers shall secure penetration permits prior to beginning work, properly firestop the wall/ceiling/floor penetration, and sign off the permit after inspection and completion of the work.
- 4.3 Contractors are responsible for assuring that they properly firestop any penetrations that they make in ceiling, floor, pipe chases, fire rated walls, and smoke barriers in accordance with submitted and approved firestop materials and/or systems.
- 4.4 Contract Officer Technical Representatives (COTR's) are responsible for ensuring that all Contractors and FMS personnel adhere to this policy during construction, renovation or demolition activities, including pulling electrical and/or data cables. The COTR is responsible for verifying that all holes and penetrations made during the construction activities are properly sealed. The COTR is also responsible for ensuring that this memorandum is properly inserted in all applicable Contracts and Work Orders issued by FMS.

End of Policy Memorandum

REFER TO AND FILL OUT THE ATTACHED "FIRE/SMOKE BARRIER PENETRATION PERMIT".

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Attachment A

FIRE/SMOKE WALL PENETRATION PERMIT

Contractor or FMS Dept or VA Service Requesting Permit: _____

Responsible Person For Request (Firm/Dept & Person): _____

Location of Penetrations (Bldg/Floor): _____

Work Narrative (Project No. or Purpose): _____

Before issuing a Floor/Fire Wall/Smoke Barrier Penetration Permit, the FMS Project Manager or Maintenance Dept shall review the following checklist with the Permit Requesting Responsible person for compliance.

(Contractor to be reminded that all penetrations shall be temporarily firestopped at close of each work day.)

Question	Yes	No	N/A
Did the Responsible person (indicated above) obtain prints (SOC Plans) from FMS Maintenance Section or PM Section detailing hourly rated walls and smoke barriers in the building; and have they thoroughly identified the scope of the firestop work?			
Is the manufacturer's UL, FM, or WH product and application guide for each type of wall or floor penetrated by each type of utility element been submitted, approved and available for on- site review by installers and inspectors?			
Has the Responsible person (indicated above) prepared an itemized schedule of floor and fire/smoke walls to be penetrated indicating the UL, FM or WH system to be used?			

Materials utilized in repair:

Fire-stopping UL, FM or WH System Number(s) **Attach submittals:** _____

Wall Board Type & number of layers (if used) _____

Other: (Manufacturer's Engineering Judgment:) **Attach submittal:** _____

Approving FMS PM or Maintenance Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

After penetrations are sealed, FMS - PM or Maintenance Dept, and the Responsible Person shall inspect the area to ensure compliance with the required standards, make any corrections, and sign off on lines below.

Signature of **Responsible Person** Filing for Permit: _____

Signature **FMS PM or Maintenance Staff:** _____

Signature of **COTR:** _____

Submit fully signed Copies to Contractor, COTR, Safety Officer, and FMS - PM and/or Maintenance Dept.

APPENDIX F

**VA MEDICAL CENTER
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICE
FMS/SOP#12
August 30, 2011**

LOCKOUT / TAGOUT PROCEDURE

1. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the Lockout/Tagout (LOTO), of energy isolating devices. The procedures will be used to ensure that the machine or piece of equipment is isolated from all potentially hazardous energy. This includes LOTO by employees performing service or maintenance related activities; where the unexpected energization, start-up or release of stored energy could cause injury.

2. POLICY

- a. It is the policy of Facilities Management Service , that FMS Employees are instructed in the safety significance of the LOTO procedures, as well as how to use those procedures. Only Authorized Employees may LOTO machines or equipment.
- b. Every new employee and FMS employee whose work operations are or may be in a LOTO area will be instructed in the purpose and use of the LOTO procedure. Affected Employees will be notified by the Authorized Employees whenever a LOTO will occur, as well as when the equipment is being placed back in service.
- c. VAMC FMS Personnel will initiate all utility and equipment LOTO with VA LOTO devices. Contractors will add their LOTO padlock to the device or lockbox as appropriate.

3. DEFINITIONS

- a. LOCKOUT/TAGOUT: shall mean the procedure of properly and safely securing equipment or systems administratively (tags, instructions, etc.) and physically (mechanical, electrical or pneumatic devices) or a combination of both.
- b. AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE: Employee trained and determined competent to effectively de- energize and LOTO machinery/equipment.
- c. AFFECTED EMPLOYEE: Employee that can not perform a LOTO, but is exposed to LOTO when the employee's or surrounding machinery/equipment is under LOTO.

4. PROCEDURES

- a. Preparation for LOTO:
 1. Obtain the proper Hazardous Energy Control Procedure (Attachment 1) for the equipment or machine to be LOTO. Determine if changes need to be made to the procedures based on changes to the equipment and/or personnel. If a procedure is not written use Attachment 1 to prepare the procedure prior to proceeding with the LOTO.
 2. Locate the LOTO Permit, (Attachment 2).
 3. Locate the ENERGY LOCKOUT INDEX (Attachment 3) located in the LOTO 3-ring binder in the Lockout Locker. (File attachments 1 & 2 in the LOTO binder in the "ACTIVE LOTO" section after filling them out.)
 4. Identify all Affected Employees that may be involved in the impending LOTO.
 5. Obtain necessary locks and/or tags and devices to implement the LOTO.
- b. Sequence of LOTO System Procedure:
 1. Fill out the ENERY LOCKOUT INDEX (Attachment 3), located in the LOTO Binder.
 2. Fill out the LOTO PERMIT (Attachment 2), sections 1, 2, & 3.
3. Make a copy of an existing LOTO HAZARDOUS ENERGY CONTROL SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION (Attachment 1) or fill out a blank form with all required information.

4. Notify all Affected Employees that a LOTO is going to be utilized and the reason thereof. The Authorized Employee shall know the type and magnitude of energy that the machine or equipment utilizes and shall understand the hazards thereof.
5. If the machine or equipment is operating, shut it down by the normal stopping procedure (depress stop button, open toggle switch, etc.).
6. Operate the switch, valve, or other energy isolating device(s) so that the equipment is isolated from its energy source(s). Stored energy (such as that in springs, elevated machine members, rotating flowwheels, hydraulic systems, and air, gas, steam or water pressure, etc.) must be dissipated or restrained by methods such as repositioning, blocking, bleeding down, etc. .
7. LOTO the energy isolating devices with assigned individual lock(s) and tag(s).
8. After ensuring that no personnel are exposed, and as a check on having disconnected the energy sources, operate the push button or other normal operating controls to make certain the equipment will not operate.
- CAUTION:** Return operating control(s) to "neutral" or "off" position after the test (de-energized state).
9. The equipment is now LOTO.

c. Restoring Machines or Equipment to Normal Production Operations:

1. After the servicing and/or maintenance are completed, equipment is ready for normal operations, check the area around the machines or equipment to ensure that no one is exposed.
2. After all tools have been removed from the machine or equipment, guards have been reinstalled and employees are in the clear, remove all LOTO devices. Operate the energy isolating devices to restore energy to the machine or equipment.
3. Complete Attachments 1, 2 & 3 and file in the "Completed Lockouts" section of the Lockout Binder.

d. Procedure Involving More Than One Person

1. One Authorized Employee will be designated as responsible for the LOTO.
2. The Hazardous Energy Control Procedure (HECP) will be reviewed with each group member.
3. If more than one Facility Management Section or contractor is involved, one Authorized Employee will coordinate the LOTO to ensure that all control measures are applied and that there is continuity of protection for the group.
4. Each Authorized Employee or contractor will affix the LOTO pad lock to the group lockout. Each pad lock must be identified to the person applying it. Authorized Employee or contractor will remove their LOTO device/padlock when they stop working on the equipment or machine being serviced. Outside personnel or contractors involved in operations relating to equipment or machinery lockout that affects our employees, must submit their energy control procedures to the project engineer. Affected Employees must be trained and notified as outlined in this written program. The responsible supervisor for the affected area will ensure that outside personnel and Affected Employees are informed of the proper procedure.

e. Basic Rules for Using LOTO System Procedure.

1. All equipment shall be LOTO to protect against accidental or inadvertent operation when such operation could cause injury to personnel. Do not attempt to operate any switch, valve, or other energy isolating device where it is LOTO. Violation of the LOTO can result in disciplinary action.
2. It is the policy of the Facilities Management Service that VA in-house personnel will **NOT** perform work on equipment that has not had the electrical service LOTO. If circumstances require that work be performed with live electrical connections the work will be contracted out.

4. TRAINING

- a. Training will be the responsibility of the Supervisor's within Facility Management Service with assistance from the Environmental Safety & Health Department.
- b. Affected and Authorized employee training will consist of at least the following elements:
 1. Review of OSHA Standard 29CFR 1910.147 "The Control of Hazardous Energy" requirements.
 2. Type and magnitude of energy sources.
 3. Purpose and use of the Hazardous Energy Control Procedures.
 4. Nature and limitations of tags.
 5. How to isolate equipment/machinery for LOTO.
 6. Conditions for restoring machinery/equipment and removing tags.

- c. The LOTO Training will be given to Affected Employees as part of orientation.
- d. Authorized Employees will receive training prior to their initial involvement with any LOTO operation.
- e. Retraining will be given for Authorized and Affected Employees whenever there is a change in job assignment, a change in machines, or equipment or process that presents a new hazard or a change in the Facilities Management Hazardous Energy Control Procedure.
- f. A list of names and dates of training will be kept by the Facilities Management Service's Education Tracking Coordinator.

5. ANNUAL INSPECTION

- a. Each year the Environmental Safety & Health Department will conduct an inspection of the FMS Maintenance LOTO Program.
- b. This will be accomplished by reviewing the LOTO Binders in B-1, B-6 and B-10. The inspection will include the LOTO Cabinet with the various LOTO Devices. Active LOTO's sites will be visited accompanied by a FMS representative to verify the Hazardous Energy Control Procedure (HECP) was implemented.
- c. When LOTO is used the HECP will be reviewed with each Authorized Employee.
- d. This will be certified by the designated ES&H inspector on an annual basis. The documentation should include employee names, dates of the inspection, and the Annual Lockout/Tagout Assessment Form (Attachment 4) used.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Chief, Facilities Management Service is responsible for the administration of the maintenance LOTO Program.
- b. The Project Engineer is responsible for ensuring that the contractor personnel are thoroughly familiar with and comply with this policy.
- c. Facilities Management Service Supervisors are responsible for their personnel's familiarization and strict compliance with this policy and shall ensure that their personnel have available and utilize proper locks, blocks, danger tags, and protective equipment.

7. REFERENCES

NFPA-70E, Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces.
OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.147

8. RESCISSION

Facilities Management Service Policy Memorandum #05, Lock/Out Tag/Out Procedures,
Dated July 14, 2003.

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Chief, Facilities Management Service

Attachments (4)

Distribution: Engineering Section Employees

APPENDIX G

VA MEDICAL CENTER

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICE

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

SOP POLICY MEMO 138-16

May 15, 2012

CRANES

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish procedures for the use of cranes at this facility. The procedures will be used to ensure that the lifting of loads above the ground surface is performed in a safe manner and fully informs facility staff of the details of the lift to be performed using a crane. This policy also defines responsibilities for these procedures.

2. POLICY

- a. It is the policy of Facilities Management Service that all work with cranes shall be performed in a manner in strict compliance with construction industry regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and with the safety guidelines and policies of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- b. It is the policy of Facilities Management Service that employees and contractors be informed about specific details of crane operations when such crane use is proposed at this facility and that such information be provided to the facility staff by the crane user prior to use of a crane at this facility.
- c. It is the policy of the Providence VA Facilities Management Service that the requirements stated herein will be enforced.

3. DEFINITIONS

- a. *Crane Operator.* A person who has demonstrated that they are proficient in the operation of the various types of cranes. Certification shall be provided by the employer or an accredited testing agency, such as the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO).

- b. *Competent Operator.* A crane operator who:
 - 1. Is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards with regard to the particular crane being operated.
 - 2. Is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards with regard to the hoisting operations being undertaken.
 - 3. Has the training and experience to properly set up and safely control all crane functions.
- c. *Competent Person.* Per OSHA, one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings; is capable of identifying working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to employees; and has authority to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
- d. *Controlling Entity.* Contractor or other entity that is in actual control of a project. Could be the General Contractor, Construction Manager, Prime Contractor or the Owner, depending upon the level of control applied with regard to the selection, operation and maintenance of cranes.
- e. *Controlling Supervisor.* The individual who is directly responsible for crane operation and maintenance at a particular project.
- f. *Crane Load Rigger.* A person trained and competent.
- g. *Critical Lift.* A Lift that shall be one that requires a crane to “walk” with a load; or require more than one crane; or one that will be made over an occupied building or facility; or one that exceeds 75% of the crane capacity (taken from block 6 of the Permit Form).
- h. *Critical Lift Plan.* A document that is used to plan crane lifts that have the potential for increased risk. A critical lift plan should detail the weight(s) and dimensions of the load to be hoisted; the path of travel of the load, including various height and clearance dimensions; the maximum radius or radii at which the load will be hoisted; and the exact configuration of the crane(s) to be used. Load charts for the make, model, serial number and configuration of the crane(s) shall be attached.
- i. *Maximum Intended Load.* The heaviest load that a crane’s capacity chart shows it is capable of lifting in a given configuration and radius.
- j. *Qualified Person.* By possession of a recognized degree, certificate or professional standing or by extensive knowledge, training and experience, one who has successfully demonstrated his/her ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work or the project.

- k. *Signal Person.* A person trained and competent in the application of the type of signals used during a lift, with a basic understanding of crane operation and limitations, including crane dynamics involved in swinging and stopping loads and boom deflection under load.
- l. *Types of Cranes.* Generally mobile cranes, such as crawler cranes, rough terrain cranes, truck cranes, boom trucks and the various other types of mobile cranes generally used on construction sites.

4. PROCEDURES

- a. OSHA requires a Competent Person to inspect all operational components of the crane on a daily basis. The Competent Person must have received training in the provisions of the OSHA Standard, be capable of understanding the hazards associated with the crane being used and have the authority from the employer to correct and abate any hazard associated with the crane.
- b. The Crane Operator *shall* be certified in the operation of the crane. A certification is determined through a *written test* that the Crane Operator knows the information necessary for safe operation of the specific type of equipment the individual will operate; and the Crane Operator is able to read and locate relevant information in the equipment manual and other materials pertaining to the crane.
- c. A Signal Person shall be used for any crane operation. Each Signal Person should know and understand the type of signals used; be competent in the application of the type of signals used; and have a basic understanding of crane operation and limitations, including the crane dynamics involved in swinging and stopping loads, and boom deflection from hoisting loads.
- d. After assembly on-site, the crane shall have a thorough inspection similar to an annual inspection. A Competent Person shall perform this inspection.
- e. The Crane Operator shall perform a daily visual inspection at the beginning of each shift. All functional operating mechanisms, air and hydraulic systems, chains, ropes, slings, hooks and other lifting equipment shall be inspected. The rated load of each crane shall be plainly marked on both sides of the crane and visible from the ground. Each hoist and sling shall also be marked with the load limit. Unsafe conditions found during the inspection shall be reported to the Controlling Supervisor and shall be corrected before operation is resumed.
- f. A Crane Permit shall be obtained from Facilities Management Service Engineering Section by any party proposing to use a crane at this facility. The permit shall be submitted to the designated Project Manager of the Facilities Management Service Engineering Section and shall not be valid until signed by the FMS Project Manager. The Permit Form to be used is at Attachment "A" to this memorandum.

- g. If any crane operation is determined to be a Critical Lift, the party submitting the Crane Permit shall include with the permit form a Critical Lift Plan that is signed by a registered Professional Engineer.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Chief, Facilities Management Service is responsible for the administration of the Crane program.
- b. The FMS Project Manager is responsible for ensuring that contractor personnel are thoroughly familiar with and comply with this memorandum including the required use of the attached Crane Permit Application for all lifts.
- c. The Contractor is responsible for the following:
 - 1. Preparation and submittal to the FMS Project Manager a completed Crane Permit Application with all required information.
 - 2. Provide adequate supervision of all hoisting operations.
 - 3. Ensure that the Crane Operator performs a daily inspection of the crane, including an operational check of all control mechanisms.
 - 4. Determine if the crane operation will be a “Critical Lift” as defined by the evaluation on the attached Crane Permit Application form.
 - 5. Determine, through verifiable methods, the weight(s) of items to be hoisted.
 - 6. Ensure that all parties involved know the weight(s) of the loads to be lifted
 - 7. Ensure that appropriate rigging equipment is available to handle the specified loads
 - 8. Ensure that a qualified Crane Load Rigger is assigned to inspect all rigging equipment and to oversee the rigging of all loads.
 - 9. Ensure that all parties understand the hoisting operations as planned, including the path of travel of all hoisted loads.
 - 10. Determine if outside factors, such as weather, will interfere with the hoisting operations.
 - 11. Ensure that tag lines or other methods are used to maintain complete control of the load at all times.
 - 12. Ensure that persons who are not involved in hoisting operations are not in the path of travel or otherwise endangered by hoisted loads.
 - 13. Ensure that the Signal Person(s) is properly qualified and that the chosen signaling system is appropriate and adequate for the job.
- d. The Crane Operator has the overall responsibility for the lift. Supervisors should never be able to override a Crane Operator’s decision to stop a lift. If an Operator does stop a lift, a full review of all parameters shall be undertaken before operations are resumed.

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ATTACHMENTS

A – Crane Permit

**Planned Critical Lift Plan & Crane Permit**

Permits must be posted at the lift site until work is complete or a new permit is issued. This permit must be reviewed every shift and reissued if a change in conditions (equipment, weather, and/or ground) or scope of work has occurred. Expired permits shall be returned to the VA for filing. This permit and supporting data must be submitted before any of the following lifts are made (check all that apply):

- ☐ A multiple crane lift
- ☐ Personnel Hoisting
- ☐ A non-routine lift of 20 tons or more
- ☐ An expected load lift is 75% or more of the crane's rated load capacity
- ☐ A lift over electrical lines, HVAC piping or operating facilities which may endanger patients and personnel

Description of Proposed Crane Work: (Include # of items to be picked and expected # of days and location)			
Proposed date for lift start:		Expected completion date:	
1. Crane Information			
Make:	Model:	Capacity (tons):	
Total Boom Length:	Will Jib Be Used: (yes or no)	Jib Length:	
Maximum Boom Length Required:		Maximum pick Radius Required:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Verify manufacturer's load chart indicates lifting capacity at stipulated load radius and boom lengths.			
Note: If boom length and/or radius is between the stipulated or posted value on the load chart select the next lesser rating capacity. The next lesser rating capacity may be the next longer or shorter boom length.			
2. Outriggers, Pads, and Tires:			

☐ Outriggers Fully Extended and Set

Check One: _____ Track _____ Tires

☐ Soil Type is Determined to be Acceptable for Imposed Load

☐ VA Engineering has reviewed and determined underground utilities and structures are not at risk for damage.

3. Load information

Note: Cranes equipped with computers indicating boom length, angle, and radius are safety devices only and should not be used in place of the operator's responsibility to actually determine the measurements required to calculate a safe lift.

Note: Accessories, Crane Capacity, Parts of Line and Rope Capacity, and the working quadrant of the crane should be considered when calculating Net Crane Capacities.

Description of Maximum load (include Dimensions):

Weight of Max Load:

How was load determined:

4. Rigging Information

List all rigging components (Including number, type, size, capacity, etc.) **Note – Anti-Two Block device is required:**

Weight of Line, Block & All Rigging:

5. Total Gross Load

a) Weight of Max Load:

5. "Worst Case" Lift Scenario

a) Maximum Pick Radius:

b) Weight of Line, Block & All Rigging:	b) Total Gross Load:
c) Safety Factor Added Weight:	c) Crane Chart Capacity at Max Pick Radius:
d) Total Gross Load:	d) % of Crane Capacity (b/c):
6. Critical Pick Evaluation	
a) Will crane need to “walk” with loads?	_____ Yes _____ No
b) Will pick require more than one crane?	
c) Will pick be made over occupied building or facility?	_____ Yes _____ No
d) Does “worst case” lift scenario exceed 75% of crane capacity (5d)?	_____ Yes _____ No
	_____ Yes _____ No
If the answer to any of the above is “yes” then this is a critical lift that will require additional information and the signature of a licensed professional engineer.	
7. Crane Location Information	
a) Will crane pick affect pedestrian or vehicular traffic? If “yes”, a traffic control plan must be submitted.	_____ Yes _____ No
b) Are there overhead power lines or other hazards in the lift area?	
c) Will load or any part of the crane be over or within 15 feet of electrical lines, pipes, process systems or operating equipment?	_____ Yes _____ No
d) Will crane height exceed 120 feet? If ‘yes’ the crane must have a light beacon at the top.	_____ Yes _____ No
e) Will crane height exceed 200 feet? If ‘yes’ the FAA must be notified at least 30 days prior.	_____ Yes _____ No
	_____ Yes _____ No
8. Additional Information (All must be provided)	
a) Plot plan showing crane location, adjacent structures, roadways, utilities, etc. within the swing radius.	

- b) Scale elevation sketch or drawing showing crane location, adjacent structures and load.
- c) Applicable crane load charts.
- d) Valid crane operators' license.
- e) Valid third party annual inspection certificate.

9. Wind Speed

- a) Lifts are not allowed with wind speed in excess of: _____MPH
- b) Wind Speed at time of lift: _____MPH

10. Comments, Notes, and Sketches:

12. APPROVALS

The Contractor, Rigger, and Crane Operator are the Competent Persons solely responsible for the safe execution of the lift(s). Execution of the lift will be in complete accordance with OSHA regulations.

COMPLETE CHECKLIST BELOW TO ENSURE A SAFE LIFT IS PLANNED

- ☐ The load weight is confirmed known
- ☐ The load hook is directly over the load center of gravity
- ☐ Boom angle, boom length, lift radius, and the crane capacity are known
- ☐ Outrigger pads are fully extended and blocking is sufficient for the load
- ☐ Tires are clear of the ground and the crane is level
- ☐ Ground, soil, and/or pavement is confirmed to have capacity for the imposed load
- ☐ Rigging equipment has been inspected and in safe working condition
- ☐ All obstacles and obstructions have been identified
- ☐ Lifts in close proximity to power transmission lines shall meet OSHA 29 CFR 1926.550, MIOSHA R 408.11936, and applicable ANSI B30.5 safety standards
- ☐ A final check will determine the wind speed is within approved limits for this lift
- ☐ A signal method is has been determined between the crane operator and the signalman
- ☐ An individual has been designated to observe for obstructions and unauthorized personnel
- ☐ The crane operator meets OSHA qualifications requirements to operate the crane

- ☐ Verify a "competent person" is to inspect prior to use and during use, all slings, fastenings, and attachments for damage or defects. Damaged or defective equipment shall be immediately removed from service.

- ☐ Verify a "competent person" is to inspect all crane equipment and machinery prior to use and during use to ensure it is in safe operating condition. Any deficiencies shall be repaired prior to continued use.

- ☐ Verify the crane is in compliance with Federal and State regulations requiring frequent, periodic, and annual inspections. A thorough annual inspection has been made by a competent person, government, or private party recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Date of Last Annual Inspection: _____ Inspected by: _____

Competent Person:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contractor Representative:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Crane Operator:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Crane Load Rigger:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

The individuals listed below have reviewed this Permit for completion of the listed requirements only, without regard for accuracy. All responsibility for crane operations rests with the individuals signing the form above this Statement.

VA Project Manager:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

VA Safety Representative:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

VA Police (if required):

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX H

**VA MEDICAL CENTER
3PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**POLICY MEMORANDUM 07B-
January 03, 2012 (07B)**

REGISTRATION OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

1. PURPOSE

To provide for the registration of all staff members and contractor vehicles which are parked or operated on the Medical Center grounds. This program will allow VA Police Officers to identify the ownership of vehicles, monitor and control vehicle parking, enforce applicable traffic regulations and facilitate contact with the owners of vehicles when it is necessary and in the interest of safety, security and legitimate enforcement efforts.

2. POLICY

a. All staff members must register their vehicles with the VA Police Service within 48 hours after their reporting for duty at the Medical Center. Compliance with this policy is a condition of employment.

b. The registration process will include issuance of a numbered VA parking permit. This permit must be displayed on the inside, driver side, lower corner of the windshield or inside, center, of the windshield by the rear-view mirror. Permits may be displayed in any visible location on motorcycles.

3. DEFINITIONS

4. MEMBERSHIP

None.

5. PROCEDURES

a. All staff members and contractor supervisors will complete the vehicle registration form at the time of initial employment or service and will report to the VA Police Service for issuance of a permit. Proof of a valid state vehicle registration and current motor vehicle insurance policy must be provided at the time of registration. Color coded and numbered permits will be issued as follows:

- (1) Staff Physicians, the Director and Associate Directors - RED.
- (2) Employees - GREEN or Employees in Car Pool Program - BROWN.
- (3) Volunteers - YELLOW.
- (4) Temporary - BLACK.
- (5) Contractor Supervisor - ORANGE (hanging style)
- (6) Special Permit- As directed by Police Services.

b. All staff members who have previously registered their vehicles must re-register their vehicle each time any of the following occurs:

- (1) Change of state registration plate number.
- (2) Change of vehicle.
- (3) Loss of permit (i.e., windshield replacement).

c. Vehicle permits are considered a controlled item and as such, must be returned to the VA Police upon completion of a staff member's employment or service at the Medical Center.

d. Handicapped parking spaces, located in all parking lots on Medical Center grounds, may be utilized by any staff member who has been issued a state or VA handicap placard. The placard must be displayed at all times while said vehicles are parked in a handicapped designated space.

(1) Requests for VA handicap placards will be submitted to the Chief, VA Police. The requesting employee will be referred to the Employee Health Clinician for determination of the extent of disability. The Employee Health Clinician will then forward this determination to the Chief, VA Police for determination of issuance or non-issuance of the placard. All VA handicap placards will be issued for a limited period of time. Long term disabilities will require issuance of a state handicap placard. VA handicap placards are considered a controlled item and as such, must be returned to the VA Police.

e. Vendors and contract staff of administrative services are required to obtain a temporary parking placard issued by either the Facilities Management Service or the Police Service.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

a. The Human Resources Management Service is responsible for instructing new employees as to this policy and the requirement to respond to the VA Police office to process a vehicle registration form.

b. Service Chiefs/Line Managers are responsible for instructing new volunteers as to this policy and the requirement to respond to the VA Police office to process a vehicle registration form.

c. The VA Police Service is responsible for issuance of all parking permits and placards and maintaining accurate records of all motor vehicles registered at the Medical Center.

d. The Employee Health Clinician is responsible for assisting the Chief, VA Police in determining a staff member's eligibility for issuance of a VA handicap placard for acute or episodic illnesses requiring short-term parking needs.

e. All staff members are responsible for compliance with this policy and notifying the VA Police Service of all incidences of lost, stolen or damaged permits.

7. REFERENCES

VA Handbook 0730

8. RESCISSIONS

Policy Memorandum 07B-03, Registration of Privately Owned Vehicles, dated August 1, 2009.

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Medical Center Director

Attachments: None

DISTRIBUTION: D

SECTION 01 00 00
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 GENERAL INTENTION

- A. All employees of general contractor and subcontractors shall comply with VA security management program and obtain permission of the VA police, be identified by project and employer, and restricted from unauthorized access.
- B. Prior to commencing work, general contractor shall provide proof that a OSHA certified "competent person" (CP) (29 CFR 1926.20(b)(2)) will maintain a presence at the work site whenever the general or subcontractors are present.
- C. Training:
 - 1. All employees of general contractor or subcontractors shall have the 10-hour OSHA certified Construction Safety course and or other relevant competency training, as determined by the VA CP with input from the Construction Safety Committee of VAMC Providence.
 - 2. Submit training records of all such employees for approval before the start of work.

1.2 STATEMENT OF BID ITEMS

- A. The Contractor shall completely prepare site for building operations, including demolition and removal of existing structures, and furnish labor and materials and perform work for the provision of new emergency power distribution systems in and related to building 1 and 26 at the VAMC Providence, RI as required by drawings and specifications.
 - B. The Contractor shall remove all items shown to be demolished in their entirety. All existing items to be relocated or reused shall be removed, protected and re-installed as shown on the documents.
 - C. BASE ITEM: \$_____
- A single award shall be made on BASE ITEM. Work includes general construction, alterations, concrete, mechanical and electrical work, diesel generators, underground utility systems, necessary removal of existing above and below ground structures, new construction and certain other items.
- 1. Construct a new 2 hour rated emergency electrical room in the existing building 1 main electrical room.
 - 2. Provide new emergency power panels, related transformers and new power feeders from the existing exterior Russelectric switchboard at building 26 to the new emergency electrical room, the existing main electrical room and the existing Automatic Switch (ATS) room. This

includes work in buried concrete encased duct banks, conduit and wire as well as interior and exterior junction boxes.

3. Provide new emergency power panelboards and transformers and rework existing emergency power feeders to connect to new panelboards and ATS's.
4. Temporary power will be required on site to provide backup to each emergency or normal feeder as it is cut over to prevent loss of service. The contractor shall provide temporary diesel driven generators and all related power and control wiring for this purpose. This includes temporary generator power distribution panels and all related wiring. The generator requirement shall be 500KW- 3phase, 4 wire at 208V and 480V. The contractor shall connect his temporary emergency power generator to the existing or new 208V or 480V ATS's in coordination with the VA. A plan for temporary power and its phasing shall be submitted to the VA for review and approval prior to any work.

B. ADD ALTERNATE NO.1: \$_____

This ADD ALTERNATE shall be to the BASE ITEM offer. The alternate includes all work related to the following items and in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications.

1. Provide new Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS) to interface with the existing Russelectric generator switchboard. The new ATS's shall be assigned priority levels and shall be controlled by the generator switchboard load control sequences. ATS's shall communicate status and control operations with the generator switchboard using integral Modbus RTU or TCP/IP protocols.
2. Provide new power and control wiring from the existing exterior Russelectric switchboard to the new and existing ATS and new distribution panels. Provide all auxiliary wiring and controls necessary for the proper operation of the new ATS's.
3. Provide all necessary programming to update the existing Russelectric control sequences at the paralleling switchboard. All control interfaces and displays present in the existing generator switchboard shall be enabled. This includes ATS status on the system one line screen. All load control functions including ATS set points and status shall be controlled from the operator interface panels. All Russelectric switchboard control work or related devices or equipment or programming shall be performed by Russelectric, Inc. the equipment manufacturer.
4. Provide emergency panelboards and feeders as shown.

5. Temporary power will be required on site to provide backup to each emergency or normal feeder as it is cut over to prevent loss of service. The contractor shall provide temporary diesel driven generators and all related power and control wiring for this purpose. This includes temporary generator power distribution panels and all related wiring. The generator requirement shall be 500KW- 3phase, 4 wire at 208V and 480V. The contractor shall connect his temporary emergency power generator to the existing or new 208V or 480V ATS's in coordination with the VA. A plan for temporary power and its phasing shall be submitted to the VA for review and approval prior to any work.

C. ADD ALTERNATE NO. 2: \$_____

This ADD ALTERNATE shall be to the ADD ALTERNATE NO. 1 offer. The alternate includes all work related to the following items and in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications.

1. Provide a new Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) for the B wing critical branch. The ATS shall interface with the existing Russelectric generator switchboard. The new ATS shall be assigned a priority level and shall be controlled by the generator switchboard load control sequences. ATS shall communicate status and control operations with the generator switchboard using integral Modbus RTU or TCP/IP protocols.
2. Provide new power and control wiring from the existing exterior Russelectric switchboard to the new ATS. Provide all auxiliary wiring and controls necessary for the proper operation of the new ATS.
3. Provide all necessary programming to update the existing Russelectric control sequences at the paralleling switchboard. All control interfaces and displays present in the existing generator switchboard shall be enabled. This includes ATS status on the system one line screen. All load control functions including ATS set points and status shall be controlled from the operator interface panels. All Russelectric switchboard control work or related devices or equipment or programming shall be performed by Russelectric, Inc. the equipment manufacturer.
4. Provide emergency panelboards and feeders as shown.
5. Temporary power will be required on site to provide backup to each emergency or normal feeder as it is cut over to prevent loss of service. The contractor shall provide temporary diesel driven generators and all related power and control wiring for this purpose. This includes temporary generator power distribution panels and all related wiring. The generator requirement shall be 500KW- 3phase, 4 wire at 208V and 480V. The contractor shall connect his temporary emergency power

generator to the existing or new 208V or 480V ATS's in coordination with the VA. A plan for temporary power and its phasing shall be submitted to the VA for review and approval prior to any work.

D. ALTERNATE NO. 3: \$_____

This ADD ALTERNATE shall be to the ADD ALTERNATE NO. 1 offer. The alternate includes all work related to the following items and in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications. Provide the additional cost for supplying bypass/closed transition ATS's for the life safety and critical branch units specified under Add Alternate #1.

E. ALTERNATE NO. 4: \$_____

This ADD ALTERNATE shall be to the ADD ALTERNATE NO. 2 offer. The alternate includes all work related to the following items and in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications. Provide the additional cost for supplying a bypass/closed transition ATS for the critical branch unit specified under Add Alternate #2.

F. ABATEMENT UNIT PRICE #1: Cost to remove less than 3 (3) square feet of lead paint per location. Provide \$/SF cost developed utilizing square footage of containment. Note: if more than one location is sampled in one day or more than two samples are required, cost of the work shall be negotiated to recognize economy of scale and reduced costs for performing more than one unit per day.

G. ABATEMENT UNIT PRICE #2: Cost to sample and analyze single location for asbestos containing materials including protective equipment and testing: assume two (2) samples at the location per day. Note: if more than one location is sampled in one day or more than two samples are required, cost of the work shall be negotiated to recognize economy of scale and reduced costs for performing more than one unit per day.

H. ABATEMENT UNIT PRICE #3: Cost to remove less than three (3) square feet of asbestos containing materials utilizing the OSHA glove bag method. Provide \$/SF cost including all equipment, materials and labor by trained workers to remove material. Note: if more than one location is sampled in one day or more than two samples are required, cost of the work shall be negotiated to recognize economy of scale and reduced costs for performing more than one unit per day.

1.3 SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR CONTRACTOR

- A. AFTER AWARD OF CONTRACT, A single CD-ROM of the contract documents in pdf format will be furnished.
- B. Additional sets of drawings may be made by the Contractor, at Contractor's expense, from the CD-ROM furnished by the Contracting Officer.

1.4 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 day's notice to obtain approval of the Contracting Officer so that security and escort 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 Project Manager for the purpose of security inspections of every area of project including tool boxes and parked machines and for the purpose of taking any emergency action.

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.
3. 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.

4. These security documents shall not be removed or transmitted from the project site without the written approval of Contracting Officer.
5. All paper waste or electronic media such as CD's and diskettes shall be shredded and destroyed in a manner acceptable to the VA.
6. Notify Contracting Officer and Site Security Officer immediately when there is a loss or compromise of "sensitive information".
7. All electronic information shall be stored in specified location following VA standards and procedures using an Engineering Document Management Software (EDMS).
 - a. Security, access and maintenance of all project drawings, both scanned and electronic shall be performed and tracked through the EDMS system.
 - 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. Parking in designated patient parking is strictly prohibited as is parking on grass.

1.5 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 Project Manager 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 Resident 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) exposed 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. Fire-retardant plastic may be used for temporary construction partitions that remain in place for no more than 72 hours. Construct all other partitions of gypsum board (flame spread rating of 25 or less in accordance with ASTM E84) on both sides of 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 and frames with self-closing devices.
 2. Close openings in smoke barriers and fire-rated construction to maintain fire ratings. Seal penetrations with listed through-penetration firestop 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 Project Manager.
- H. Egress Routes for Construction Workers: Maintain free and unobstructed egress. Inspect daily. Report findings and corrective actions weekly to Project Manager.
- 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. 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 Project Manager. 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 Project Manager.
- L. Smoke Detectors: Prevent accidental operation. Comply with Providence VAMC procedures for preventing false fire alarms (Specification Section 00 72 00, Appendix A).
- M. Hot Work: Perform and safeguard hot work operations in accordance with NFPA 241 and NFPA 51B. Coordinate with Project Manager. Obtain permits from Project Manager at least 48 hours in advance
- N. Fire Hazard Prevention and Safety Inspections: Inspect entire construction areas weekly. Coordinate with, and report findings and corrective actions weekly to Project Manager.
- O. 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 areas.
- P. Dispose of waste and debris in accordance with NFPA 241. Remove from buildings daily.
- Q. Perform other construction, alteration and demolition operations in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.

1.6 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 performance of 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. Workmen are subject to rules of Medical Center applicable to their conduct.
- E. Execute work so as to interfere as little as possible with normal functioning of the 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 Resident Engineer 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.

- F. Phasing: To insure such executions, Contractor shall furnish the Project Manager with a schedule of approximate phasing dates on which the Contractor intends to accomplish work in each specific areas of site, building or portion thereof. In addition, Contractor shall notify the Project Manager two weeks in advance of the proposed date of starting work in each specific area of site, building or portion thereof. Arrange such phasing dates to insure accomplishment of this work in successive phases mutually agreeable to Medical Center Director, Project Manager and Contractor.
- G. All Buildings will be occupied during performance of work. Contractor shall take all measures and provide all material necessary for protecting existing equipment and property in affected areas of construction against dust and debris, so that equipment and affected areas to be used in the Medical Centers operations will not be hindered. Coordinate alteration work in areas occupied by Department of Veterans Affairs so that Medical Center operations will continue during the construction period.
- H. 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 the Project Manager.
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 the Medical Center. 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 the Medical Center Project Manager, in writing, a minimum of 15 calendar days in advance of proposed interruption. A minimum of 15 calendar days is required by Medical Center staff to assess interruption impacts and to prepare mitigation measures; therefore, the requirement to make utility interruption requests a minimum of 15 calendar days in advance of the planned interruption will not be waived. Request shall state specific details of the interruption to

- include identification of the utility system and device to be interrupted, its location, 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 that such interruption will cause least inconvenience to activities of Medical Center. Interruption time approved by Medical Center will occur at other than Contractor's normal working hours unless the VA determines that the interruption is of a minor nature and will not cause inconvenience to hospital activities.
 4. If the Medical Center determines that the requested interruption is of a minor nature and will not cause inconvenience to hospital activities, the Medical Center may allow the interruption to proceed in less than 15 calendar days after receipt of the contractor's request for interruption.
 5. In case of a contract construction emergency, service will be interrupted on approval of Project Manager. Such approval will be confirmed in writing as soon as practical.
 6. Contractor shall not manipulate any utility device that will interrupt any utility service. Medical Center staff will operate utility devices to initiate and to terminate an approved utility service interruption. Contractor shall comply with lock out/tag out procedures.
- I. 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.
- J. 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.
- K. Coordinate the work for this contract with other construction operations as directed by Project Manager. This includes the scheduling of traffic and the use of roadways, as specified in Article, USE OF ROADWAYS.

1.7 ALTERATIONS

- A. Survey: Before any work is started, the Contractor shall make a thorough survey with the Project Manager of areas of buildings in which alterations occur and areas which are anticipated routes of access, and furnish a report, signed by both, to the Contracting Officer. This report shall list by rooms and spaces:
1. Existing condition and types of resilient flooring, doors, windows, walls and other surfaces not required to be altered throughout affected areas of building.
 3. Shall note any discrepancies between drawings and existing conditions at site.
 4. Shall designate areas for working space, materials storage and routes of access to areas within buildings where alterations occur and which have been agreed upon by Contractor and Project Manager.
- B. Any items required by drawings to be either reused or relocated or both, found during this survey to be nonexistent, or in opinion of Project Manager to be in such condition that their use is impossible or impractical, shall be furnished and/or replaced by Contractor with new items in accordance with specifications which will be furnished by Government. Provided the contract work is changed by reason of this subparagraph B, the contract will be modified accordingly, under provisions of clause entitled "DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS" (FAR 52.236-2) and "CHANGES" (FAR 52.243-4 and VAAR 852.236-88).
- C. Re-Survey: Thirty days before expected partial or final inspection date, the Contractor and Project Manager together shall make a thorough re-survey of the areas of buildings involved. They shall furnish a report on conditions then existing, of resilient flooring, doors, windows, walls and other surfaces as compared with conditions of same as noted in first condition survey report:
1. Re-survey report shall also list any damage caused by Contractor to such flooring and other surfaces, despite protection measures; and, will form basis for determining extent of repair work required of Contractor to restore damage caused by Contractor's workmen in executing work of this contract.
- D. Protection: Provide the following protective measures:
1. Wherever existing roof surfaces are disturbed they shall be protected against water infiltration. In case of leaks, they shall be repaired immediately upon discovery.
 2. Temporary protection against damage for portions of existing structures and grounds where work is to be done, materials handled and equipment moved and/or relocated.

3. Protection of interior of existing structures at all times, from damage, dust and weather inclemency. Wherever work is performed, floor surfaces that are to remain in place shall be adequately protected prior to starting work, and this protection shall be maintained intact until all work in the area is completed.

1.8 INFECTION PREVENTION MEASURES

- A. Implement the requirements of VAMC's Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) team. ICRA Group may monitor dust in the vicinity of the construction work and require the Contractor to take corrective action immediately if the safe levels are exceeded.
- B. Establish and maintain a dust control program as part of the contractor's infection preventive measures in accordance with the guidelines as specified in these contract documents. Prior to start of work, prepare a plan detailing project-specific dust protection measures, including periodic status reports, and submit to Project Manager for review for compliance with contract requirements in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES.
 1. All personnel involved in the construction or renovation activity shall be educated and trained in infection prevention measures established by the medical center.
- C. Medical center Infection Control personnel shall monitor for airborne disease (e.g. aspergillosis) as appropriate during construction. A baseline of conditions may be established by the medical center prior to the start of work and periodically during the construction stage to determine impact of construction activities on indoor air quality. In addition:
 1. The Project Manager and VAMC Infection Control personnel will review pressure differential monitoring documentation to verify that pressure differentials in the construction zone and in the patient-care rooms are appropriate for their settings. The requirement for negative air pressure in the construction zone shall depend on the location and type of activity. Upon notification, the contractor shall implement corrective measures to restore proper pressure differentials as needed.
 2. In case of any problem, the medical center, along with assistance from the contractor, shall conduct an environmental assessment to find and eliminate the source.
- D. In general, following preventive measures shall be adopted during construction to keep down dust and prevent mold.

1. Dampen debris to keep down dust and provide temporary construction partitions in existing structures where directed by Resident Engineer. Blank off ducts and diffusers to prevent circulation of dust into occupied areas during construction.
2. Do not perform dust producing tasks within occupied areas without the approval of the Project Manager. For construction in any areas that will remain jointly occupied by the medical Center and Contractor's workers, the Contractor shall:
 - a. Provide dust proof one-hour fire-rated temporary drywall construction barriers to completely separate construction from the operational areas of the hospital in order to contain dirt debris and dust. Barriers shall be sealed and made presentable on hospital occupied side. Install a self-closing rated door in a metal frame, commensurate with the partition, to allow worker access. Maintain negative air at all times. A fire retardant polystyrene, 6-mil thick or greater plastic barrier meeting local fire codes may be used where dust control is the only hazard, and an agreement is reached with the Project Manager and Medical Center.
 - b. HEPA filtration is required where the exhaust dust may reenter the breathing zone. Contractor shall verify that construction exhaust to exterior is not reintroduced to the medical center through intake vents, or building openings. Install HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Accumulator) filter vacuum system rated at 95% capture of 0.3 microns including pollen, mold spores and dust particles. Insure continuous negative air pressures occurring within the work area. HEPA filters should have ASHRAE 85 or other pre-filter to extend the useful life of the HEPA. Provide both primary and secondary filtrations units. Exhaust hoses shall be heavy duty, flexible steel reinforced and exhausted so that dust is not reintroduced to the medical center.
 - c. Adhesive Walk-off/Carpet Walk-off Mats, minimum 600mm x 900mm (24" x 36"), shall be used at all interior transitions from the construction area to occupied medical center area. These mats shall be changed as often as required to maintain clean work areas directly outside construction area at all times.
 - d. Vacuum and wet mop all transition areas from construction to the occupied medical center at the end of each workday. Vacuum shall utilize HEPA filtration. Maintain surrounding area frequently.

Remove debris as they are created. Transport these outside the construction area in containers with tightly fitting lids.

- e. The contractor shall not haul debris through patient-care areas without prior approval of the Project Manager and the Medical Center. When, approved, debris shall be hauled in enclosed dust proof containers or wrapped in plastic and sealed with duct tape. No sharp objects should be allowed to cut through the plastic. Wipe down the exterior of the containers with a damp rag to remove dust. All equipment, tools, material, etc. transported through occupied areas shall be made free from dust and moisture by vacuuming and wipe down.
- f. Using a HEPA vacuum, clean inside the barrier and vacuum ceiling tile prior to replacement. Any ceiling access panels opened for investigation beyond sealed areas shall be sealed immediately when unattended.
- g. There shall be no standing water during construction. This includes water in equipment drip pans and open containers within the construction areas. All accidental spills must be cleaned up and dried within 12 hours. Remove and dispose of porous materials that remain damp for more than 72 hours.
- h. At completion, remove construction barriers and ceiling protection carefully, outside of normal work hours. Vacuum and clean all surfaces free of dust after the removal.

E. Final Cleanup:

1. Upon completion of project, or as work progresses, remove all construction debris from above ceiling, vertical shafts and utility chases that have been part of the construction.
2. Perform HEPA vacuum cleaning of all surfaces in the construction area. This includes, but is not limited to, walls, ceilings, cabinets, furniture (built-in or free standing), partitions, and flooring.

1.9 DISPOSAL AND RETENTION

A. Materials and equipment accruing from work removed and from demolition of buildings or structures, or parts thereof, shall be disposed of as follows:

1. Reserved items which are to remain property of the Government are identified by attached tags or noted on drawings or in specifications as items to be stored. Items that remain property of the Government shall be removed or dislodged from present locations in such a manner as to prevent damage which would be detrimental to re-installation and reuse. Store such items where directed by Resident Engineer.

2. Items not reserved shall become property of the Contractor and be removed by Contractor from Medical Center.
3. Items of portable equipment and furnishings located in rooms and spaces in which work is to be done under this contract shall remain the property of the Government. When rooms and spaces are vacated by the Department of Veterans Affairs during the alteration period, such items which are NOT required by drawings and specifications to be either relocated or reused will be removed by the Government in advance of work to avoid interfering with Contractor's operation.

1.10 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.
- 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.

1.11 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 Resident Engineer. Existing work to be altered or extended and that is found to be defective in any way, shall be reported to the Resident Engineer 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).

1.15 AS-BUILT DRAWINGS

- A. The contractor shall maintain two full size sets of as-built drawings which shall be kept current during construction of the project, to include all contract changes, modifications and clarifications.
- B. All variations shall be shown in the same general detail as used in the contract drawings. To insure compliance, as-built drawings shall be made available for the Resident Engineer's review, as often as requested.
- C. Contractor shall deliver two approved completed sets of as-built drawings to the Resident Engineer within 15 calendar days after each completed phase and after the acceptance of the project by the Resident Engineer.
- D. Paragraphs A, B, & C shall also apply to all shop drawings.

1.16 USE OF ROADWAYS

- A. For hauling, use only established public roads and roads on Medical Center property.

1.18 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 Project Manager. If the equipment is not installed and maintained in accordance with the following provisions, the Project Manager 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.
- 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.

1.19 TEMPORARY USE OF EXISTING ELEVATORS

- A. Use of existing elevators for handling building materials and Contractor's personnel will be permitted subject to following provisions:
1. Contractor makes all arrangements with the Project Manager for use of elevators. The Project Manager will ascertain that elevators are in proper condition. Contractor may use elevator No. 1 in Building No. 1 for daily use.
 2. Contractor covers and provides maximum protection of following elevator components:
 - a. Entrance jambs, heads soffits and threshold plates.
 - b. Entrance columns, canopy, return panels and inside surfaces of car enclosure walls.

- c. Finish flooring.
- 6. Place elevator in condition equal, less normal wear, to that existing at time it was placed in service of Contractor as approved by Contracting Officer.

1.21 TEMPORARY TOILETS

- A. Contractor may have for use of Contractor's workmen, such toilet accommodations as may be assigned to Contractor by Medical Center. Contractor shall keep such places clean and be responsible for any damage done thereto by Contractor's workmen. Failure to maintain satisfactory condition in toilets will deprive Contractor of the privilege to use such toilets.

1.22 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 Project Manager's discretion) of use of water from Medical Center's system.

1.24 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, feed water, 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.

1.25 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 Project Manager 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 Resident Engineer and shall be considered concluded only when the Resident Engineer 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 Resident Engineer, does not demonstrate sufficient qualifications in accordance with requirements for instructors above.

1.33 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 Resident Engineer verbally, and then with a written follow up.

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SECTION 01 32 16.15
PROJECT SCHEDULES
(SMALL PROJECTS - DESIGN/BID/BUILD)

PART 1- GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION:

- A. The Contractor shall develop a Critical Path Method (CPM) plan and schedule demonstrating fulfillment of the contract requirements (Project Schedule), and shall keep the Project Schedule up-to-date in accordance with the requirements of this section and shall utilize the plan for scheduling, coordinating and monitoring work under this contract (including all activities of subcontractors, equipment vendors and suppliers). Conventional Critical Path Method (CPM) technique shall be utilized to satisfy both time and cost applications.

1.2 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

- A. The Contractor shall designate an authorized representative responsible for the Project Schedule including preparation, review and progress reporting with and to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COTR).
- B. The Contractor's representative shall have direct project control and complete authority to act on behalf of the Contractor in fulfilling the requirements of this specification section.
- C. The Contractor's representative shall have the option of developing the project schedule within their organization or to engage the services of an outside consultant. If an outside scheduling consultant is utilized, Section 1.3 of this specification will apply.

1.3 CONTRACTOR'S CONSULTANT:

- A. The Contractor shall submit a qualification proposal to the COTR, within 10 days of bid acceptance. The qualification proposal shall include:
1. The name and address of the proposed consultant.
 2. Information to show that the proposed consultant has the qualifications to meet the requirements specified in the preceding paragraph.
 3. A representative sample of prior construction projects, which the proposed consultant has performed complete project scheduling services. These representative samples shall be of similar size and scope.
- B. The Contracting Officer has the right to approve or disapprove the proposed consultant, and will notify the Contractor of the VA decision within seven calendar days from receipt of the qualification proposal. In case of disapproval, the Contractor shall resubmit another consultant within 10 calendar days for renewed consideration. The Contractor shall

have their scheduling consultant approved prior to submitting any schedule for approval.

1.4 COMPUTER PRODUCED SCHEDULES

- A. The contractor shall provide monthly, to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), all computer-produced time/cost schedules and reports generated from monthly project updates. This monthly computer service will include: three copies of up to five different reports (inclusive of all pages) available within the user defined reports of the scheduling software approved by the Contracting Officer; a hard copy listing of all project schedule changes, and associated data, made at the update and an electronic file of this data; and the resulting monthly updated schedule in PDM format. These must be submitted with and substantively support the contractor's monthly payment request and the signed look ahead report. The COTR shall identify the five different report formats that the contractor shall provide.
- B. The contractor shall be responsible for the correctness and timeliness of the computer-produced reports. The Contractor shall also responsible for the accurate and timely submittal of the updated project schedule and all CPM data necessary to produce the computer reports and payment request that is specified.
- C. The VA will report errors in computer-produced reports to the Contractor's representative within ten calendar days from receipt of reports. The Contractor shall reprocess the computer-produced reports and associated diskette(s), when requested by the Contracting Officer's representative, to correct errors which affect the payment and schedule for the project.

1.5 THE COMPLETE PROJECT SCHEDULE SUBMITTAL

- A. Within 45 calendar days after receipt of Notice to Proceed, the Contractor shall submit for the Contracting Officer's review; three blue line copies of the interim schedule on sheets of paper 765 x 1070 mm (30 x 42 inches) and an electronic file in the previously approved CPM schedule program. The submittal shall also include three copies of a computer-produced activity/event ID schedule showing project duration; phase completion dates; and other data, including event cost. Each activity/event on the computer-produced schedule shall contain as a minimum, but not limited to, activity/event ID, activity/event description, duration, budget amount, early start date, early finish date, late start date, late finish date and total float. Work activity/event relationships shall be restricted to finish-to-start or start-to-start without lead or lag constraints. Activity/event date constraints, not required by the contract, will not be accepted unless

submitted to and approved by the Contracting Officer. The contractor shall make a separate written detailed request to the Contracting Officer identifying these date constraints and secure the Contracting Officer's written approval before incorporating them into the network diagram. The Contracting Officer's separate approval of the Project Schedule shall not excuse the contractor of this requirement. Logic events (non-work) will be permitted where necessary to reflect proper logic among work events, but must have zero duration. The complete working schedule shall reflect the Contractor's approach to scheduling the complete project. **The final Project Schedule in its original form shall contain no contract changes or delays which may have been incurred during the final network diagram development period and shall reflect the entire contract duration as defined in the bid documents.** These changes/delays shall be entered at the first update after the final Project Schedule has been approved. The Contractor should provide their requests for time and supporting time extension analysis for contract time as a result of contract changes/delays, after this update, and in accordance with Article, ADJUSTMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLETION.

- D. Within 30 calendar days after receipt of the complete project interim Project Schedule and the complete final Project Schedule, the Contracting Officer or his representative, will do one or both of the following:
1. Notify the Contractor concerning his actions, opinions, and objections.
 2. A meeting with the Contractor at or near the job site for joint review, correction or adjustment of the proposed plan will be scheduled if required. Within 14 calendar days after the joint review, the Contractor shall revise and shall submit three blue line copies of the revised Project Schedule, three copies of the revised computer-produced activity/event ID schedule and a revised electronic file as specified by the Contracting Officer. The revised submission will be reviewed by the Contracting Officer and, if found to be as previously agreed upon, will be approved.
- E. The approved baseline schedule and the computer-produced schedule(s) generated there from shall constitute the approved baseline schedule until subsequently revised in accordance with the requirements of this section.
- F. The Complete Project Schedule shall contain approximately 70 work activities/events.

1.6 WORK ACTIVITY/EVENT COST DATA

- A. The Contractor shall cost load all work activities/events except procurement activities. The cumulative amount of all cost loaded work activities/events (including alternates) shall equal the total contract price. Prorate overhead, profit and general conditions on all work activities/events for the entire project length. The contractor shall generate from this information cash flow curves indicating graphically the total percentage of work activity/event dollar value scheduled to be in place on early finish, late finish. These cash flow curves will be used by the Contracting Officer to assist him in determining approval or disapproval of the cost loading. Negative work activity/event cost data will not be acceptable, except on VA issued contract changes.
- B. The Contractor shall cost load work activities/events for guarantee period services, test, balance and adjust various systems in accordance with the provisions in Article, FAR 52.232 - 5 (PAYMENT UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS) and VAAR 852.236 - 83 (PAYMENT UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS).
- C. In accordance with FAR 52.236 - 1 (PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR) and VAAR 852.236 - 72 (PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR), the Contractor shall submit, simultaneously with the cost per work activity/event of the construction schedule required by this Section, a responsibility code for all activities/events of the project for which the Contractor's forces will perform the work.
- D. The Contractor shall cost load work activities/events for all BID ITEMS including ASBESTOS ABATEMENT. The sum of each BID ITEM work shall equal the value of the bid item in the Contractors' bid.

1.7 PROJECT SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Show on the project schedule the sequence of work activities/events required for complete performance of all items of work. The Contractor Shall:
 - 1. Show activities/events as:
 - a. Contractor's time required for submittal of shop drawings, templates, fabrication, delivery and similar pre-construction work.
 - b. Contracting Officer's and Architect/Engineer's review and approval of shop drawings, equipment schedules, samples, template, or similar items.
 - c. Interruption of VA Facilities utilities, delivery of Government furnished equipment, and rough-in drawings, project phasing and any other specification requirements.

- d. Test, balance and adjust various systems and pieces of equipment, maintenance and operation manuals, instructions and preventive maintenance tasks.
 - e. VA inspection and acceptance activity/event with a minimum duration of five work days at the end of each phase and immediately preceding any VA move activity/event required by the contract phasing for that phase.
2. Show not only the activities/events for actual construction work for each trade category of the project, but also trade relationships to indicate the movement of trades from one area, floor, or building, to another area, floor, or building, for at least five trades who are performing major work under this contract.
 3. Break up the work into activities/events of a duration no longer than 20 work days each or one reporting period, except as to non-construction activities/events (i.e., procurement of materials, delivery of equipment, concrete and asphalt curing) and any other activities/events for which the COTR may approve the showing of a longer duration. The duration for VA approval of any required submittal, shop drawing, or other submittals will not be less than 20 work days.
 4. Describe work activities/events clearly, so the work is readily identifiable for assessment of completion. Activities/events labeled "start," "continue," or "completion," are not specific and will not be allowed. Lead and lag time activities will not be acceptable.
 5. The schedule shall be generally numbered in such a way to reflect either discipline, phase or location of the work.
- B. The Contractor shall submit the following supporting data in addition to the project schedule:
1. The appropriate project calendar including working days and holidays.
 2. The planned number of shifts per day.
 3. The number of hours per shift.
- Failure of the Contractor to include this data shall delay the review of the submittal until the Contracting Officer is in receipt of the missing data.
- C. To the extent that the Project Schedule or any revised Project Schedule shows anything not jointly agreed upon, it shall not be deemed to have been approved by the COTR. Failure to include any element of work required for the performance of this contract shall not excuse the Contractor from completing all work required within any applicable completion date of each phase regardless of the COTR's approval of the Project Schedule.

- D. Compact Disk Requirements and CPM Activity/Event Record Specifications:
Submit to the VA an electronic file(s) containing one file of the data required to produce a schedule, reflecting all the activities/events of the complete project schedule being submitted.

1.8 PAYMENT TO THE CONTRACTOR:

- A. Monthly, the contractor shall submit the AIA application and certificate for payment documents G702 & G703 reflecting updated schedule activities and cost data in accordance with the provisions of the following Article, PAYMENT AND PROGRESS REPORTING, as the basis upon which progress payments will be made pursuant to Article, FAR 52.232 - 5 (PAYMENT UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS) and VAAR 852.236 - 83 (PAYMENT UNDER FIXED-PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS). The Contractor shall be entitled to a monthly progress payment upon approval of estimates as determined from the currently approved updated project schedule. Monthly payment requests shall include: a listing of all agreed upon project schedule changes and associated data; and an electronic file (s) of the resulting monthly updated schedule.
- B. Approval of the Contractor's monthly Application for Payment shall be contingent, among other factors, on the submittal of a satisfactory monthly update of the project schedule.

1.9 PAYMENT AND PROGRESS REPORTING

- A. Monthly schedule update meetings will be held on dates mutually agreed to by the COTR and the Contractor. Contractor and their CPM consultant (if applicable) shall attend all monthly schedule update meetings. The Contractor shall accurately update the Project Schedule and all other data required and provide this information to the COTR three work days in advance of the schedule update meeting. Job progress will be reviewed to verify:
1. Actual start and/or finish dates for updated/completed activities/events.
 2. Remaining duration for each activity/event started, or scheduled to start, but not completed.
 3. Logic, time and cost data for change orders, and supplemental agreements that are to be incorporated into the Project Schedule.
 4. Changes in activity/event sequence and/or duration which have been made, pursuant to the provisions of following Article, ADJUSTMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLETION.
 5. Completion percentage for all completed and partially completed activities/events.
 6. Logic and duration revisions required by this section of the specifications.

7. Activity/event duration and percent complete shall be updated independently.
- B. After completion of the joint review, the contractor shall generate an updated computer-produced calendar-dated schedule and supply the Contracting Officer's representative with reports in accordance with the Article, COMPUTER PRODUCED SCHEDULES, specified.
- C. After completing the monthly schedule update, the contractor's representative or scheduling consultant shall rerun all current period contract change(s) against the prior approved monthly project schedule. The analysis shall only include original workday durations and schedule logic agreed upon by the contractor and resident engineer for the contract change(s). When there is a disagreement on logic and/or durations, the Contractor shall use the schedule logic and/or durations provided and approved by the resident engineer. After each rerun update, the resulting electronic project schedule data file shall be appropriately identified and submitted to the VA in accordance to the requirements listed in articles 1.4 and 1.7. This electronic submission is separate from the regular monthly project schedule update requirements and shall be submitted to the resident engineer within fourteen (14) calendar days of completing the regular schedule update. **Before inserting the contract changes durations, care must be taken to ensure that only the original durations will be used for the analysis, not the reported durations after progress. In addition, once the final network diagram is approved, the contractor must recreate all manual progress payment updates on this approved network diagram and associated reruns for contract changes in each of these update periods as outlined above for regular update periods. This will require detailed record keeping for each of the manual progress payment updates.**
- D. Following approval of the CPM schedule, the VA, the General Contractor, its approved CPM Consultant, RE office representatives, and all subcontractors needed, as determined by the SRE, shall meet to discuss the monthly updated schedule. The main emphasis shall be to address work activities to avoid slippage of project schedule and to identify any necessary actions required to maintain project schedule during the reporting period. The Government representatives and the Contractor should conclude the meeting with a clear understanding of those work and administrative actions necessary to maintain project schedule status during the reporting period. This schedule coordination meeting will occur after each monthly project schedule update meeting utilizing the resulting schedule reports from that schedule update. If the project is

behind schedule, discussions should include ways to prevent further slippage as well as ways to improve the project schedule status, when appropriate.

1.10 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETION

- A. If it becomes apparent from the current revised monthly progress schedule that phasing or contract completion dates will not be met, the Contractor shall execute some or all of the following remedial actions:
 - 1. Increase construction manpower in such quantities and crafts as necessary to eliminate the backlog of work.
 - 2. Increase the number of working hours per shift, shifts per working day, working days per week, the amount of construction equipment, or any combination of the foregoing to eliminate the backlog of work.
 - 3. Reschedule the work in conformance with the specification requirements.
- B. Prior to proceeding with any of the above actions, the Contractor shall notify and obtain approval from the COTR for the proposed schedule changes. If such actions are approved, the representative schedule revisions shall be incorporated by the Contractor into the Project Schedule before the next update, at no additional cost to the Government.

1.11 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE

- A. Within 30 calendar days after VA acceptance and approval of any updated project schedule, the Contractor shall submit a revised electronic file (s) and a list of any activity/event changes including predecessors and successors for any of the following reasons:
 - 1. Delay in completion of any activity/event or group of activities/events, which may be involved with contract changes, strikes, unusual weather, and other delays will not relieve the Contractor from the requirements specified unless the conditions are shown on the CPM as the direct cause for delaying the project beyond the acceptable limits.
 - 2. Delays in submittals, or deliveries, or work stoppage are encountered which make rescheduling of the work necessary.
 - 3. The schedule does not represent the actual prosecution and progress of the project.
 - 4. When there is, or has been, a substantial revision to the activity/event costs regardless of the cause for these revisions.
- B. CPM revisions made under this paragraph which affect the previously approved computer produced schedules for Government furnished equipment, vacating of areas by the VA Facility, contract phase(s) and sub phase(s), utilities furnished by the Government to the Contractor, or

any other previously contracted item, shall be furnished in writing to the Contracting Officer for approval.

- C. Contracting Officer's approval for the revised project schedule and all relevant data is contingent upon compliance with all other paragraphs of this section and any other previous agreements by the Contracting Officer or the VA representative.
- D. The cost of revisions to the project schedule resulting from contract changes will be included in the proposal for changes in work as specified in FAR 52.243 - 4 (Changes) and VAAR 852.236 - 88 (Changes - Supplemental), and will be based on the complexity of the revision or contract change, man hours expended in analyzing the change, and the total cost of the change.
- E. The cost of revisions to the Project Schedule not resulting from contract changes is the responsibility of the Contractor.

1.12 ADJUSTMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

- A. The contract completion time will be adjusted only for causes specified in this contract. Request for an extension of the contract completion date by the Contractor shall be supported with a justification, CPM data and supporting evidence as the COTR may deem necessary for determination as to whether or not the Contractor is entitled to an extension of time under the provisions of the contract. Submission of proof based on revised activity/event logic, durations (in work days) and costs is obligatory to any approvals. The schedule must clearly display that the Contractor has used, in full, all the float time available for the work involved in this request. The Contracting Officer's determination as to the total number of days of contract extension will be based upon the current computer produced calendar dated schedule for the time period in question and all other relevant information.
- B. Actual delays in activities/events which, according to the computer-produced calendar dated schedule, do not affect the extended and predicted contract completion dates shown by the critical path in the network, will not be the basis for a change to the contract completion date. The Contracting Officer will within a reasonable time after receipt of such justification and supporting evidence, review the facts and advise the Contractor in writing of the Contracting Officer's decision.
- C. The Contractor shall submit each request for a change in the contract completion date to the Contracting Officer in accordance with the provisions specified under FAR 52.243 - 4 (Changes) and VAAR 852.236 - 88 (Changes - Supplemental). The Contractor shall include, as a part of each change order proposal, a sketch showing all CPM logic revisions,

duration (in work days) changes, and cost changes, for work in question and its relationship to other activities on the approved network diagram.

- D. All delays due to non-work activities/events such as RFI's, WEATHER, STRIKES, and similar non-work activities/events shall be analyzed on a month by month basis.

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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, 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. 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 Contracting Officer, 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.
- 1-4. 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 will not serve as a basis for extending contract time for completion.
- 1-5. Submittals will be reviewed for compliance with contract requirements by Architect/Engineer, and action thereon will be taken by Resident Engineer on behalf of the Contracting Officer.
- 1-6. Upon receipt of submittals, Architect/Engineer will assign a file number thereto. Contractor, in any subsequent correspondence, shall refer to this file and identification number to expedite replies relative to previously approved or disapproved submittals.
- 1-7. The Government reserves the right to require additional submittals, whether or not particularly mentioned in this contract. If additional

submittals beyond those required by the contract are furnished pursuant to request therefore by Contracting Officer, adjustment in contract price and time will be made in accordance with Articles titled CHANGES (FAR 52.243-4) and CHANGES - SUPPLEMENT (VAAR 852.236-88) of the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

- 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 Contracting Officer 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 and shipped prepaid. Contracting Officer assumes no responsibility for checking quantities or exact numbers included in such submittals.
 - A. Submit 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.
 - B. Submittals will receive consideration only when covered by a transmittal letter signed by Contractor. Letter shall be sent via mail and 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. A copy of letter must be enclosed with items, and 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.

- D. If submittal samples have been disapproved, resubmit new samples as soon as possible after notification of disapproval. 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 Resident Engineer 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.
1. For each drawing required, submit one legible photographic paper or vellum reproducible.
 2. Reproducible shall be full size.
 3. Each drawing shall have marked thereon, proper descriptive title, including Medical Center location, project number, manufacturer's number, reference to contract drawing number, detail Section Number, and Specification Section Number.
 4. A space 4-3/4 by 5 inches shall be reserved on each drawing to accommodate approval or disapproval stamp.
 5. Submit drawings, ROLLED WITHIN A MAILING TUBE, fully protected for shipment.
 6. One reproducible print of approved or disapproved shop drawings will be forwarded to Contractor.
 7. When work is directly related and involves more than one trade, shop drawings shall be submitted to Architect/Engineer under one cover.
- 1-10. Samples, shop drawings, test reports, certificates and manufacturers' literature and data, shall be submitted for approval to

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1-11. At the time of transmittal to the Architect-Engineer, the Contractor shall also send a copy of the complete submittal directly to the COTR.

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SECTION 01 42 19
REFERENCE STANDARDS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies the availability and source of references and standards specified in the project manual under paragraphs APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS and/or shown on the drawings.

1.2 AVAILABILITY OF SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THE GSA INDEX OF FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS AND COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTIONS FPMR PART 101-29 (FAR 52.211-1) (AUG 1998)

- A. The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101-29 and copies of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in the solicitation may be obtained for a fee by submitting a request to - GSA Federal Supply Service, Specifications Section, Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407, Telephone (202) 619-8925, Facsimile (202) 619-8978.
- B. If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a single copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained free of charge by submitting a request to the addressee in paragraph (a) of this provision. Additional copies will be issued for a fee.

1.3 AVAILABILITY FOR EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS NOT LISTED IN THE GSA INDEX OF FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS AND COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTIONS (FAR 52.211-4) (JUN 1988)

The specifications and standards cited in this solicitation can be examined at the following location:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Office of Construction & Facilities Management

Facilities Quality Service (00CFM1A)

811 Vermont Avenue, NW - Room 462

Washington, DC 20420

Telephone Numbers: (202) 461-8217 or (202) 461-8292

Between 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

1.4 AVAILABILITY OF SPECIFICATIONS NOT LISTED IN THE GSA INDEX OF FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS AND COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTIONS (FAR 52.211-3) (JUN 1988)

The specifications cited in this solicitation may be obtained from the associations or organizations listed below.

AA Aluminum Association Inc.

<http://www.aluminum.org>

AABC	Associated Air Balance Council http://www.aabchq.com
AAMA	American Architectural Manufacturer's Association http://www.aamanet.org
AAN	American Nursery and Landscape Association http://www.anla.org
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials http://www.aashto.org
AATCC	American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists http://www.aatcc.org
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists http://www.acgih.org
ACI	American Concrete Institute http://www.aci-int.net
ACPA	American Concrete Pipe Association http://www.concrete-pipe.org
ACPPA	American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association http://www.acppa.org
ADC	Air Diffusion Council http://flexibleduct.org
AGA	American Gas Association http://www.aga.org
AGC	Associated General Contractors of America http://www.agc.org
AGMA	American Gear Manufacturers Association, Inc. http://www.agma.org
AHAM	Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers http://www.aham.org
AISC	American Institute of Steel Construction http://www.aisc.org
AISI	American Iron and Steel Institute http://www.steel.org
AITC	American Institute of Timber Construction http://www.aitc-glulam.org
AMCA	Air Movement and Control Association, Inc. http://www.amca.org
ANLA	American Nursery & Landscape Association http://www.anla.org
ANSI	American National Standards Institute, Inc. http://www.ansi.org

APA	The Engineered Wood Association http://www.apawood.org
ARI	Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute http://www.ari.org
ASAE	American Society of Agricultural Engineers http://www.asae.org
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers http://www.asce.org
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers http://www.ashrae.org
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers http://www.asme.org
ASSE	American Society of Sanitary Engineering http://www.asse-plumbing.org
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials http://www.astm.org
AWI	Architectural Woodwork Institute http://www.awinet.org
AWS	American Welding Society http://www.aws.org
AWWA	American Water Works Association http://www.awwa.org
BHMA	Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association http://www.buildershardware.com
BIA	Brick Institute of America http://www.bia.org
CAGI	Compressed Air and Gas Institute http://www.cagi.org
CGA	Compressed Gas Association, Inc. http://www.cganet.com
CI	The Chlorine Institute, Inc. http://www.chlorineinstitute.org
CISCA	Ceilings and Interior Systems Construction Association http://www.cisca.org
CISPI	Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute http://www.cispi.org
CLFMI	Chain Link Fence Manufacturers Institute http://www.chainlinkinfo.org
CPMB	Concrete Plant Manufacturers Bureau http://www.cpmc.org

CRA	California Redwood Association http://www.calredwood.org
CRSI	Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute http://www.crsi.org
CTI	Cooling Technology Institute http://www.cti.org
DHI	Door and Hardware Institute http://www.dhi.org
EGSA	Electrical Generating Systems Association http://www.egsa.org
EEI	Edison Electric Institute http://www.eei.org
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency http://www.epa.gov
ETL	ETL Testing Laboratories, Inc. http://www.etl.com
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration http://www.faa.gov
FCC	Federal Communications Commission http://www.fcc.gov
FPS	The Forest Products Society http://www.forestprod.org
GANA	Glass Association of North America http://www.cssinfo.com/info/gana.html/
FM	Factory Mutual Insurance http://www.fmglobal.com
GA	Gypsum Association http://www.gypsum.org
GSA	General Services Administration http://www.gsa.gov
HI	Hydraulic Institute http://www.pumps.org
HPVA	Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Association http://www.hpva.org
ICBO	International Conference of Building Officials http://www.icbo.org
ICEA	Insulated Cable Engineers Association Inc. http://www.icea.net
\ICAC	Institute of Clean Air Companies http://www.icac.com

IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers http://www.ieee.org/
IMSA	International Municipal Signal Association http://www.imsasafety.org
IPCEA	Insulated Power Cable Engineers Association
NBMA	Metal Buildings Manufacturers Association http://www.mbma.com
MSS	Manufacturers Standardization Society of the Valve and Fittings Industry Inc. http://www.mss-hq.com
NAAMM	National Association of Architectural Metal Manufacturers http://www.naamm.org
NAPHCC	Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association http://www.phccweb.org.org
NBS	National Bureau of Standards See - NIST
NBBPVI	National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors http://www.nationboard.org
NEC	National Electric Code See - NFPA National Fire Protection Association
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association http://www.nema.org
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association http://www.nfpa.org
NHLA	National Hardwood Lumber Association http://www.natlhardwood.org
NIH	National Institute of Health http://www.nih.gov
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology http://www.nist.gov
NLMA	Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association, Inc. http://www.nelma.org
NPA	National Particleboard Association 18928 Premiere Court Gaithersburg, MD 20879 (301) 670-0604
NSF	National Sanitation Foundation http://www.nsf.org
NWWDA	Window and Door Manufacturers Association http://www.nwwda.org

OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration Department of Labor http://www.osha.gov
PCA	Portland Cement Association http://www.portcement.org
PCI	Precast Prestressed Concrete Institute http://www.pci.org
PPI	The Plastic Pipe Institute http://www.plasticpipe.org
PEI	Porcelain Enamel Institute, Inc. http://www.porcelainenamel.com
PTI	Post-Tensioning Institute http://www.post-tensioning.org
RFCI	The Resilient Floor Covering Institute http://www.rfci.com
RIS	Redwood Inspection Service See - CRA
RMA	Rubber Manufacturers Association, Inc. http://www.rma.org
SCMA	Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association http://www.cypressinfo.org
SDI	Steel Door Institute http://www.steeldoor.org
IGMA	Insulating Glass Manufacturers Alliance http://www.igmaonline.org
SJI	Steel Joist Institute http://www.steeljoist.org
SMACNA	Sheet Metal and Air-Conditioning Contractors National Association, Inc. http://www.smacna.org
SSPC	The Society for Protective Coatings http://www.sspc.org
STI	Steel Tank Institute http://www.steeltank.com
SWI	Steel Window Institute http://www.steelwindows.com
TCA	Tile Council of America, Inc. http://www.tileusa.com
TEMA	Tubular Exchange Manufacturers Association http://www.tema.org

TPI Truss Plate Institute, Inc.
 583 D'Onofrio Drive; Suite 200
 Madison, WI 53719
 (608) 833-5900

UBC The Uniform Building Code
 See ICBO

UL Underwriters' Laboratories Incorporated
 <http://www.ul.com>

ULC Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada
 <http://www.ulc.ca>

WCLIB West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau
 6980 SW Varns Road, P.O. Box 23145
 Portland, OR 97223
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WRCLA Western Red Cedar Lumber Association
 P.O. Box 120786
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SECTION 01 45 29
TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES

PART 1 - GENERAL**1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

This section specifies materials testing activities and inspection services required during project construction to be provided by a Testing Laboratory retained and paid for by Contractor.

1.2 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO):
- T27-06.....Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
 - T96-02 (R2006).....Resistance to Degradation of Small-Size Coarse Aggregate by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine
 - T99-01 (R2004).....The Moisture-Density Relations of Soils Using a 2.5 Kg (5.5 lb.) Rammer and a 305 mm (12 in.) Drop
 - T104-99 (R2003).....Soundness of Aggregate by Use of Sodium Sulfate or Magnesium Sulfate
 - T180-01 (R2004).....Moisture-Density Relations of Soils using a 4.54 kg (10 lb.) Rammer and a 457 mm (18 in.) Drop
 - T191-02(R2006).....Density of Soil In-Place by the Sand-Cone Method
- C. American Concrete Institute (ACI):
- 506.4R-94 (R2004).....Guide for the Evaluation of Shotcrete
- D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
- A325-06.....Structural Bolts, Steel, Heat Treated, 120/105 ksi Minimum Tensile Strength
 - A370-07.....Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
 - A416/A416M-06.....Steel Strand, Uncoated Seven-Wire for Prestressed Concrete
 - A490-06.....Heat Treated Steel Structural Bolts, 150 ksi Minimum Tensile Strength
 - C31/C31M-06.....Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field
 - C33-03.....Concrete Aggregates

C39/C39M-05.....Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete
Specimens

C109/C109M-05.....Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars

C138-07.....Unit Weight, Yield, and Air Content
(Gravimetric) of Concrete

C140-07.....Sampling and Testing Concrete Masonry Units and
Related Units

C143/C143M-05.....Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete

C172-07.....Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete

C173-07.....Air Content of freshly Mixed Concrete by the
Volumetric Method

C330-05.....Lightweight Aggregates for Structural Concrete

C567-05.....Density Structural Lightweight Concrete

C780-07.....Pre-construction and Construction Evaluation of
Mortars for Plain and Reinforced Unit Masonry

C1019-08.....Sampling and Testing Grout

C1064/C1064M-05.....Freshly Mixed Portland Cement Concrete

C1077-06.....Laboratories Testing Concrete and Concrete
Aggregates for Use in Construction and Criteria
for Laboratory Evaluation

C1314-07.....Compressive Strength of Masonry Prisms

D698-07.....Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil
Using Standard Effort

D1143-07.....Piles Under Static Axial Compressive Load

D1188-07.....Bulk Specific Gravity and Density of Compacted
Bituminous Mixtures Using Paraffin-Coated
Specimens

D1556-07.....Density and Unit Weight of Soil in Place by the
Sand-Cone Method

D1557-07.....Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil
Using Modified Effort

D2166-06.....Unconfined Compressive Strength of Cohesive Soil

D2167-94(R2001).....Density and Unit Weight of Soil in Place by the
Rubber Balloon Method

D2216-05.....Laboratory Determination of Water (Moisture)
Content of Soil and Rock by Mass

D2922-05.....Density of soil and Soil-Aggregate in Place by
Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth)

D2974-07.....Moisture, Ash, and Organic Matter of Peat and
Other Organic Soils

D3666-(2002).....Minimum Requirements for Agencies Testing and
Inspection Bituminous Paving Materials
D3740-07.....Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the
Testing and Inspecting Road and Paving Material
E94-04.....Radiographic Testing
E164-03.....Ultrasonic Contact Examination of Weldments
E329-07.....Agencies Engaged in Construction Inspection
and/or Testing
E543-06.....Agencies Performing Non-Destructive Testing
E605-93(R2006).....Thickness and Density of Sprayed Fire-Resistive
Material (SFRM) Applied to Structural Members
E709-(2001).....Guide for Magnetic Particle Examination
E1155-96(R2008).....Determining FF Floor Flatness and FL Floor
Levelness Numbers

E. American Welding Society (AWS):

D1.1-07.....Structural Welding Code-Steel

1.3 REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Accreditation Requirements: Construction materials testing laboratories must be accredited by a laboratory accreditation authority and will be required to submit a copy of the Certificate of Accreditation and Scope of Accreditation. The laboratory's scope of accreditation must include the appropriate ASTM standards (i.e.; E 329, C 1077, D 3666, D3740, A 880, E 543) listed in the technical sections of the specifications. Laboratories engaged in Hazardous Materials Testing shall meet the requirements of OSHA and EPA. The policy applies to the specific laboratory performing the actual testing, not just the "Corporate Office."
- B. Inspection and Testing: Testing laboratory shall inspect materials and workmanship and perform tests described herein and additional tests requested by Resident Engineer. When it appears materials furnished, or work performed by Contractor fail to meet construction contract requirements, Testing Laboratory shall direct attention of Resident Engineer to such failure.
- C. Written Reports: Testing laboratory shall submit test reports to Resident Engineer, Contractor, unless other arrangements are agreed to in writing by the Resident Engineer. Submit reports of tests that fail to meet construction contract requirements on colored paper.
- D. Verbal Reports: Give verbal notification to Resident Engineer immediately of any irregularity.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS (NOT USED)**PART 3 - EXECUTION****3.1 EARTHWORK:**

A. General: The Testing Laboratory shall provide qualified personnel, materials, equipment, and transportation as required to perform the services identified/required herein, within the agreed to schedule and/or time frame. The work to be performed shall be as identified herein and shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Observe fill and subgrades during proof-rolling to evaluate suitability of surface material to receive fill or base course. Provide recommendations to the Resident Engineer regarding suitability or unsuitability of areas where proof-rolling was observed. Where unsuitable results are observed, witness excavation of unsuitable material and recommend to Resident Engineer extent of removal and replacement of unsuitable materials and observe proof-rolling of replaced areas until satisfactory results are obtained.
2. Provide part time observation of fill placement and compaction and field density testing in building areas and provide part time observation of fill placement and compaction and field density testing in pavement areas to verify that earthwork compaction obtained is in accordance with contract documents.
3. Provide supervised geotechnical technician to inspect excavation, subsurface preparation, and backfill for structural fill.

B. Testing Compaction:

1. Determine maximum density and optimum moisture content for each type of fill, backfill and subgrade material used, in compliance with AASHTO T99/T180 and/or ASTM D1557.
2. Make field density tests in accordance with the primary testing method following AASHTO T238 wherever possible. Field density tests utilizing AASHTO T191, or ASTM D2167 shall be utilized on a case by case basis only if there are problems with the validity of the results from the primary method due to specific site field conditions. Should the testing laboratory propose these alternative methods, they should provide satisfactory explanation to the Resident Engineer before the tests are conducted.
 - a. Foundation Wall Backfill: One test per 30 m (100 feet) of each layer of compacted fill but in no case fewer than two tests.
 - b. Pavement Subgrade: One test for each 335 m² (400 square yards), but in no case fewer than two tests.
 - c. Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk: One test for each 90 m (300 feet), but in no case fewer than two tests.

- d. Trenches: One test at maximum 30 m (100 foot) intervals per 1200 mm (4 foot) of vertical lift and at changes in required density, but in no case fewer than two tests.
- C. Testing for Footing Bearing Capacity: Evaluate if suitable bearing capacity material is encountered in footing subgrade.
- D. Testing Materials: Test suitability of on-site and off-site borrow as directed by Resident Engineer.

3.4 LANDSCAPING:

- A. Test topsoil for organic materials, pH, phosphate, potash content, and gradation of particles.
 - 1. Test for organic material by using ASTM D2974.
 - 2. Determine percent of silt, sand, clay, and foreign materials such as rock, roots, and vegetation.
- B. Submit laboratory test report of topsoil to Resident Engineer.

3.5 ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVING:

- A. Aggregate Base Course:
 - 1. Determine maximum density and optimum moisture content for aggregate base material in accordance with AASHTO T180, Method D.
 - 2. Make a minimum of three field density tests on each day's final compaction on each aggregate course in accordance with AASHTO T191.
 - 3. Sample and test aggregate as necessary to insure compliance with specification requirements for gradation, wear, and soundness as specified in the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Latest Edition including any Supplemental Revisions.
- B. Asphalt Concrete:
 - 1. Sample and test asphalt concrete as necessary to insure compliance with specification requirements for asphalt grade, quantity and granular material as specified in the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Latest Edition including any Supplemental Revisions.
 - 2. Temperature: Check temperature of each load of asphalt concrete at mixing plant and at site of paving operation.
 - 3. Density: Make a minimum of two field density tests in accordance with ASTM D1188 of asphalt base and surface course for each day's paving operation.

3.6 SITE WORK CONCRETE:

Test site work concrete including materials for concrete as required in Article CONCRETE of this section.

3.8 CONCRETE:**A. Batch Plant Inspection and Materials Testing:**

1. Perform continuous batch plant inspection until concrete quality is established to satisfaction of Resident Engineer with concurrence of Contracting Officer and perform periodic inspections thereafter as determined by Resident Engineer.
2. Periodically inspect and test batch proportioning equipment for accuracy and report deficiencies to Resident Engineer.
3. Sample and test mix ingredients as necessary to insure compliance with specifications.
4. Sample and test aggregates daily and as necessary for moisture content. Test the dry rodded weight of the coarse aggregate whenever a sieve analysis is made, and when it appears there has been a change in the aggregate.
5. Certify, in duplicate, ingredients and proportions and amounts of ingredients in concrete conform to approved trial mixes. When concrete is batched or mixed off immediate building site, certify (by signing, initialing or stamping thereon) on delivery slips (duplicate) that ingredients in truck-load mixes conform to proportions of aggregate weight, cement factor, and water-cement ratio of approved trial mixes.

B. Field Inspection and Materials Testing:

1. Provide a technician at site of placement at all times to perform concrete sampling and testing.
2. Review the delivery tickets of the ready-mix concrete trucks arriving on-site. Notify the Contractor if the concrete cannot be placed within the specified time limits or if the type of concrete delivered is incorrect. Reject any loads that do not comply with the Specification requirements. Rejected loads are to be removed from the site at the Contractor's expense. Any rejected concrete that is placed will be subject to removal.
3. Take concrete samples at point of placement in accordance with ASTM C172. Mold and cure compression test cylinders in accordance with ASTM C31. Make at least three cylinders for each 40 m³ (50 cubic yards) or less of each concrete type, and at least three cylinders for any one day's pour for each concrete type. Label each cylinder with an identification number. Resident Engineer may require additional cylinders to be molded and cured under job conditions.
4. Perform slump tests in accordance with ASTM C143. Test the first truck each day, and every time test cylinders are made. Test pumped

- concrete at the hopper and at the discharge end of the hose at the beginning of each day's pumping operations to determine change in slump.
5. Determine the air content of concrete per ASTM C173. For concrete required to be air-entrained, test the first truck and every 20 m³ (25 cubic yards) thereafter each day. For concrete not required to be air-entrained, test every 80 m³ (100 cubic yards) at random. For pumped concrete, initially test concrete at both the hopper and the discharge end of the hose to determine change in air content.
 6. If slump or air content fall outside specified limits, make another test immediately from another portion of same batch.
 7. Perform unit weight tests in compliance with ASTM C138 for normal weight concrete and ASTM C567 for lightweight concrete. Test the first truck and each time cylinders are made.
 8. Notify laboratory technician at batch plant of mix irregularities and request materials and proportioning check.
 9. Verify that specified mixing has been accomplished.
 10. Environmental Conditions: Determine the temperature per ASTM C1064 for each truckload of concrete during hot weather and cold weather concreting operations:
 - a. When ambient air temperature falls below 4.4 degrees C (40 degrees F), record maximum and minimum air temperatures in each 24 hour period; record air temperature inside protective enclosure; record minimum temperature of surface of hardened concrete.
 - b. When ambient air temperature rises above 29.4 degrees C (85 degrees F), record maximum and minimum air temperature in each 24 hour period; record minimum relative humidity; record maximum wind velocity; record maximum temperature of surface of hardened concrete.
 11. Inspect the reinforcing steel placement, including bar size, bar spacing, top and bottom concrete cover, proper tie into the chairs, and grade of steel prior to concrete placement. Submit detailed report of observations.
 12. Observe conveying, placement, and consolidation of concrete for conformance to specifications.
 13. Observe condition of formed surfaces upon removal of formwork prior to repair of surface defects and observe repair of surface defects.
 14. Observe curing procedures for conformance with specifications, record dates of concrete placement, start of preliminary curing, start of final curing, end of curing period.
 15. Observe preparations for placement of concrete:

- a. Inspect handling, conveying, and placing equipment, inspect vibrating and compaction equipment.
 - b. Inspect preparation of construction, expansion, and isolation joints.
16. Observe preparations for protection from hot weather, cold weather, sun, and rain, and preparations for curing.
17. Observe concrete mixing:
 - a. Monitor and record amount of water added at project site.
 - b. Observe minimum and maximum mixing times.
18. Measure concrete flatwork for levelness and flatness as follows:
 - a. Perform Floor Tolerance Measurements F_F and F_L in accordance with ASTM E1155. Calculate the actual overall F- numbers using the inferior/superior area method.
 - b. Perform all floor tolerance measurements within 48 hours after slab installation and prior to removal of shoring and formwork.
 - c. Provide the Contractor and the Resident Engineer with the results of all profile tests, including a running tabulation of the overall F_F and F_L values for all slabs installed to date, within 72 hours after each slab installation.
19. Other inspections:
 - a. Grouting under base plates.
 - b. Grouting anchor bolts and reinforcing steel in hardened concrete.
- C. Laboratory Tests of Field Samples:
 1. Test compression test cylinders for strength in accordance with ASTM C39. For each test series, test one cylinder at 7 days and one cylinder at 28 days. Use remaining cylinder as a spare tested as directed by Resident Engineer. Compile laboratory test reports as follows: Compressive strength test shall be result of one cylinder, except when one cylinder shows evidence of improper sampling, molding or testing, in which case it shall be discarded and strength of spare cylinder shall be used.
 2. Make weight tests of hardened lightweight structural concrete in accordance with ASTM C567.
 3. Furnish certified compression test reports (duplicate) to Resident Engineer. In test report, indicate the following information:
 - a. Cylinder identification number and date cast.
 - b. Specific location at which test samples were taken.
 - c. Type of concrete, slump, and percent air.
 - d. Compressive strength of concrete in MPa (psi).
 - e. Weight of lightweight structural concrete in kg/m^3 (pounds per cubic feet).

- f. Weather conditions during placing.
- g. Temperature of concrete in each test cylinder when test cylinder was molded.
- h. Maximum and minimum ambient temperature during placing.
- i. Ambient temperature when concrete sample in test cylinder was taken.
- j. Date delivered to laboratory and date tested.

3.9 REINFORCEMENT:

- A. Review mill test reports furnished by Contractor.
- B. Make one tensile and one bend test in accordance with ASTM A370 from each pair of samples obtained.
- C. Written report shall include, in addition to test results, heat number, manufacturer, type and grade of steel, and bar size.
- D. Perform tension tests of mechanical and welded splices in accordance with ASTM A370.

3.13 MASONRY:

- A. Mortar Tests:
 - 1. Laboratory compressive strength test:
 - a. Comply with ASTM C780.
 - b. Obtain samples during or immediately after discharge from batch mixer.
 - c. Furnish molds with 50 mm (2 inch), 3 compartment gang cube.
 - d. Test one sample at 7 days and 2 samples at 28 days.
 - 2. Two tests during first week of operation; one test per week after initial test until masonry completion.
- B. Grout Tests:
 - 1. Laboratory compressive strength test:
 - a. Comply with ASTM C1019.
 - b. Test one sample at 7 days and 2 samples at 28 days.
 - c. Perform test for each 230 m² (2500 square feet) of masonry.
- C. Masonry Unit Tests:
 - 1. Laboratory Compressive Strength Test:
 - a. Comply with ASTM C140.
 - b. Test 3 samples for each 460 m² (5000 square feet) of wall area.
- D. Prism Tests: For each type of wall construction indicated, test masonry prisms per ASTM C1314 for each 460 m² (5000 square feet) of wall area. Prepare one set of prisms for testing at 7 days and one set for testing at 28 days.

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SECTION 01 57 19
TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS

EP-1. DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies the control of environmental pollution and damage that the Contractor must consider for air, water, and land resources. It includes management of visual aesthetics, noise, solid waste, radiant energy, and radioactive materials, as well as other pollutants and resources encountered or generated by the Contractor. The Contractor is obligated to consider specified control measures with the costs included within the various contract items of work.
- B. Environmental pollution and damage is defined as the presence of chemical, physical, or biological elements or agents which:
1. Adversely effect human health or welfare,
 2. Unfavorably alter ecological balances of importance to human life,
 3. Effect other species of importance to humankind, or;
 4. Degrade the utility of the environment for aesthetic, cultural, and historical purposes.
- C. Definitions of Pollutants:
1. Chemical Waste: Petroleum products, bituminous materials, salts, acids, alkalis, herbicides, pesticides, organic chemicals, and inorganic wastes.
 2. Debris: Combustible and noncombustible wastes, such as leaves, tree trimmings, ashes, and waste materials resulting from construction or maintenance and repair work.
 3. Sediment: Soil and other debris that has been eroded and transported by runoff water.
 4. Solid Waste: Rubbish, debris, garbage, and other discarded solid materials resulting from industrial, commercial, and agricultural operations and from community activities.
 5. Surface Discharge: The term "Surface Discharge" implies that the water is discharged with possible sheeting action and subsequent soil erosion may occur. Waters that are surface discharged may terminate in drainage ditches, storm sewers, creeks, and/or "water of the United States" and would require a permit to discharge water from the governing agency.
 6. Rubbish: Combustible and noncombustible wastes such as paper, boxes, glass and crockery, metal and lumber scrap, tin cans, and bones.

7. Sanitary Wastes:

- a. Sewage: Domestic sanitary sewage and human and animal waste.
- b. Garbage: Refuse and scraps resulting from preparation, cooking, dispensing, and consumption of food.

EP-2. QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Establish and maintain quality control for the environmental protection of all items set forth herein.
- B. Record on daily reports any problems in complying with laws, regulations, and ordinances. Note any corrective action taken.

EP-3. REFERENCES

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only.
- B. U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA):
33 CFR 328.....Definitions

EP-4. SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Section, 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES, furnish the following:
 - 1. Environmental Protection Plan: After the contract is awarded and prior to the commencement of the work, the Contractor shall meet with the Resident Engineer to discuss the proposed Environmental Protection Plan and to develop mutual understanding relative to details of environmental protection. Not more than 20 days after the meeting, the Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Resident Engineer for approval, a written and/or graphic Environmental Protection Plan including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Name(s) of person(s) within the Contractor's organization who is (are) responsible for ensuring adherence to the Environmental Protection Plan.
 - b. Name(s) and qualifications of person(s) responsible for manifesting hazardous waste to be removed from the site.
 - c. Name(s) and qualifications of person(s) responsible for training the Contractor's environmental protection personnel.
 - d. Description of the Contractor's environmental protection personnel training program.
 - e. A list of Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and permits concerning environmental protection, pollution control, noise control and abatement that are applicable to the Contractor's proposed operations and the requirements imposed by those laws, regulations, and permits.

- f. Methods for protection of features to be preserved within authorized work areas including trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, ground cover, landscape features, air and water quality, fish and wildlife, soil, historical, and archeological and cultural resources.
 - g. Procedures to provide the environmental protection that comply with the applicable laws and regulations. Describe the procedures to correct pollution of the environment due to accident, natural causes, or failure to follow the procedures as described in the Environmental Protection Plan.
 - h. Permits, licenses, and the location of the solid waste disposal area.
 - i. Drawings showing locations of any proposed temporary excavations or embankments for haul roads, material storage areas, structures, sanitary facilities, and stockpiles of excess or spoil materials. Include as part of an Erosion Control Plan approved by the District Office of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - j. Environmental Monitoring Plans for the job site including land, water, air, and noise.
 - k. Work Area Plan showing the proposed activity in each portion of the area and identifying the areas of limited use or nonuse. Plan should include measures for marking the limits of use areas. This plan may be incorporated within the Erosion Control Plan.
- B. Approval of the Contractor's Environmental Protection Plan will not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for adequate and continued control of pollutants and other environmental protection measures.

EP-5. PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

- A. Protect environmental resources within the project boundaries and those affected outside the limits of permanent work during the entire period of this contract. Confine activities to areas defined by the specifications and drawings.
- B. Protection of Land Resources: Prior to construction, identify all land resources to be preserved within the work area. Do not remove, cut, deface, injure, or destroy land resources including trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, top soil, and land forms without permission from the Resident Engineer. Do not fasten or attach ropes, cables, or guys to trees for anchorage unless specifically authorized, or where special emergency use is permitted.
 - 1. Work Area Limits: Prior to any construction, mark the areas that require work to be performed under this contract. Mark or fence

- isolated areas within the general work area that are to be saved and protected. Protect monuments, works of art, and markers before construction operations begin. Convey to all personnel the purpose of marking and protecting all necessary objects.
2. Protection of Landscape: Protect trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, land forms, and other landscape features shown on the drawings to be preserved by marking, fencing, or using any other approved techniques.
 - a. Box and protect from damage existing trees and shrubs to remain on the construction site.
 - b. Immediately repair all damage to existing trees and shrubs by trimming, cleaning, and painting with antiseptic tree paint.
 - c. Do not store building materials or perform construction activities closer to existing trees or shrubs than the farthest extension of their limbs.
 3. Reduction of Exposure of Unprotected Erodible Soils: Plan and conduct earthwork to minimize the duration of exposure of unprotected soils. Clear areas in reasonably sized increments only as needed to use. Form earthwork to final grade as shown. Immediately protect side slopes and back slopes upon completion of rough grading.
 4. Temporary Protection of Disturbed Areas: Construct diversion ditches, benches, and berms to retard and divert runoff from the construction site to protected drainage areas approved under paragraph 208 of the Clean Water Act.
 - a. Sediment Basins: Trap sediment from construction areas in temporary or permanent sediment basins that accommodate the runoff of a local (design year) storm. After each storm, pump the basins dry and remove the accumulated sediment. Control overflow/drainage with paved weirs or by vertical overflow pipes, draining from the surface.
 - b. Reuse or conserve the collected topsoil sediment as directed by the Resident Engineer. Topsoil use and requirements are specified in Section 31 20 00, EARTH MOVING.
 - c. Institute effluent quality monitoring programs as required by Federal, State, and local environmental agencies.
 5. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Devices: The erosion and sediment controls selected and maintained by the Contractor shall be such that water quality standards are not violated as a result of the Contractor's activities. Construct or install all temporary and permanent erosion and sedimentation control features required.

- Maintain temporary erosion and sediment control measures such as berms, dikes, drains, sedimentation basins, grassing, and mulching, until permanent drainage and erosion control facilities are completed and operative.
6. Manage borrow areas on and off Government property to minimize erosion and to prevent sediment from entering nearby water courses or lakes.
 7. Manage and control spoil areas on and off Government property to limit spoil to areas shown and prevent erosion of soil or sediment from entering nearby water courses or lakes.
 8. Protect adjacent areas from despoilment by temporary excavations and embankments.
 9. Handle and dispose of solid wastes in such a manner that will prevent contamination of the environment. Place solid wastes (excluding clearing debris) in containers that are emptied on a regular schedule. Transport all solid waste off Government property and dispose of waste in compliance with Federal, State, and local requirements.
 10. Store chemical waste away from the work areas in corrosion resistant containers and dispose of waste in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations.
 11. Handle discarded materials other than those included in the solid waste category as directed by the Resident Engineer.
- C. Protection of Water Resources: Keep construction activities under surveillance, management, and control to avoid pollution of surface and ground waters and sewer systems. Implement management techniques to control water pollution by the listed construction activities that are included in this contract.
1. Washing and Curing Water: Do not allow wastewater directly derived from construction activities to enter water areas. Collect and place wastewater in retention ponds allowing the suspended material to settle, the pollutants to separate, or the water to evaporate.
 2. Control movement of materials and equipment at stream crossings during construction to prevent violation of water pollution control standards of the Federal, State, or local government.
 3. Monitor water areas affected by construction.
- D. Protection of Fish and Wildlife Resources: Keep construction activities under surveillance, management, and control to minimize interference with, disturbance of, or damage to fish and wildlife. Prior to beginning construction operations, list species that require specific attention along with measures for their protection.

- E. Protection of Air Resources: Keep construction activities under surveillance, management, and control to minimize pollution of air resources. Burning is not permitted on the job site. Keep activities, equipment, processes, and work operated or performed, in strict accordance with the State of Rhode Island and Federal emission and performance laws and standards. Maintain ambient air quality standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency, for those construction operations and activities specified.
1. Particulates: Control dust particles, aerosols, and gaseous by-products from all construction activities, processing, and preparation of materials (such as from asphaltic batch plants) at all times, including weekends, holidays, and hours when work is not in progress.
 2. Particulates Control: Maintain all excavations, stockpiles, haul roads, permanent and temporary access roads, plant sites, spoil areas, borrow areas, and all other work areas within or outside the project boundaries free from particulates which would cause a hazard or a nuisance. Sprinklering, chemical treatment of an approved type, light bituminous treatment, baghouse, scrubbers, electrostatic precipitators, or other methods are permitted to control particulates in the work area.
 3. Hydrocarbons and Carbon Monoxide: Control monoxide emissions from equipment to Federal and State allowable limits.
 4. Odors: Control odors of construction activities and prevent obnoxious odors from occurring.
- F. Reduction of Noise: Minimize noise using every action possible. Perform noise-producing work in less sensitive hours of the day or week as directed by the Resident Engineer. Maintain noise-produced work at or below the decibel levels and within the time periods specified.
1. Perform construction activities involving repetitive, high-level impact noise only between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm unless otherwise permitted by local ordinance or the Resident Engineer. Repetitive impact noise on the property shall not exceed the following dB limitations:

Time Duration of Impact Noise	Sound Level in dB
More than 12 minutes in any hour	70
Less than 30 seconds of any hour	85
Less than three minutes of any hour	80
Less than 12 minutes of any hour	75

2. Provide sound-deadening devices on equipment and take noise abatement measures that are necessary to comply with the requirements of this contract, consisting of, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Maintain maximum permissible construction equipment noise levels at 15 m (50 feet) (dBA):

EARTHMOVING		MATERIALS HANDLING	
FRONT LOADERS	75	CONCRETE MIXERS	75
BACKHOES	75	CONCRETE PUMPS	75
DOZERS	75	CRANES	75
TRACTORS	75	DERRICKS IMPACT	75
SCAPERS	80	PILE DRIVERS	95
GRADERS	75	JACK HAMMERS	75
TRUCKS	75	ROCK DRILLS	80
PAVERS, STATIONARY	80	PNEUMATIC TOOLS	80
PUMPS	75		
GENERATORS	75	SAWS	75
COMPRESSORS	75	VIBRATORS	75

- b. Use shields or other physical barriers to restrict noise transmission.
- c. Provide soundproof housings or enclosures for noise-producing machinery.
- d. Use efficient silencers on equipment air intakes.
- e. Use efficient intake and exhaust mufflers on internal combustion engines that are maintained so equipment performs below noise levels specified.
- f. Line hoppers and storage bins with sound deadening material.
- g. Conduct truck loading, unloading, and hauling operations so that noise is kept to a minimum.
3. Measure sound level for noise exposure due to the construction at least once every five successive working days while work is being performed above 55 dB(A) noise level. Measure noise exposure at the property line or 15 m (50 feet) from the noise source, whichever is greater. Measure the sound levels on the A weighing network of a General Purpose sound level meter at slow response. To minimize the effect of reflective sound waves at buildings, take measurements at 900 to 1800 mm (three to six feet) in front of any building face. Submit the recorded information to the Resident Engineer noting any problems and the alternatives for mitigating actions.

- G. Restoration of Damaged Property: If any direct or indirect damage is done to public or private property resulting from any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct, the Contractor shall restore the damaged property to a condition equal to that existing before the damage at no additional cost to the Government. Repair, rebuild, or restore property as directed or make good such damage in an acceptable manner.
- H. Final Clean-up: On completion of project and after removal of all debris, rubbish, and temporary construction, Contractor shall leave the construction area in a clean condition satisfactory to the Resident Engineer. Cleaning shall include off the station disposal of all items and materials not required to be salvaged, as well as all debris and rubbish resulting from demolition and new work operations.

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DIVISION 01 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 01 62 35

RECYCLED / RECOVERED MATERIALS

PART 1 GENERAL

This section covers the requirements of the EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guide (CPG) Program. The CPG program is part of EPA's continuing effort to promote the use of materials recovered from solid waste. Buying recycled-content products ensures that the materials collected in recycling programs will be used again in the manufacture of new products. The CPG program is authorized by Congress under Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Executive Order 13148. EPA is required to designate products that are or can be made with recovered materials, and to recommend practices for buying these products. Once a product is designated, procuring agencies are required to purchase it with the highest recovered material content level practicable.

1.1 REFERENCES

Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

Executive Order 13148, Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management

40 CFR 247, Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

It is the Providence VA's procurement policy to acquire, in a cost effective manner, items containing the highest percentage of recycled and recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition without adversely affecting performance requirements or exposing suppliers' employees to undue hazards from the recovered materials. A key component of the CPG program is EPA's list of designated products and the accompanying recycled-content recommendations. EPA has already designated or is proposing to designate the products listed below. They are grouped into eight categories:

[Construction Products](#)
[Landscaping Products](#)
[Nonpaper Office Products](#)
[Paper and Paper Products](#)
[Park and Recreation Products](#)
[Transportation Products](#)
[Vehicular Products](#)
[Miscellaneous Products](#)

The above CPG list is located at the following URL:

<http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm>

The Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to use recycled and recovered materials in providing the EPA designated products and in otherwise utilizing recycled and recovered materials in the execution of the contracted work.

1.3 EPA ITEMS INCORPORATED INTO THE WORK

It is the responsibility of the Architectural Engineering (AE) firm performing the design to be aware of current EPA requirements and to determine the suitability of an EPA designated item in the work. Level of competition, delivery time, performance requirements, and price should all be considered in making the determination.

These items, when incorporated into the work under this contract, shall contain at least the specified percentage of recycled or recovered materials unless adequate justification (non-availability) for non-use is provided. When a designated item is specified as an option to a non-designated item, the designated item requirements apply only if the designated item is used in the work.

1.4 EPA PROPOSED ITEMS IN THE WORK

Products other than those designated by EPA are still being researched and are being considered for future Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) designation. It is recommended that these items, when incorporated in the work under this contract, contain the highest practicable percentage of recycled or recovered materials, provided specified requirements are also met.

1.5 EPA LISTED ITEMS USED IN CONDUCT OF THE WORK BUT NOT INCORPORATED IN THE WORK

There are many products listed in 40 CFR 247 which have been designated or proposed by EPA to include recycled or recovered materials that may be used by the Contractor in performing the work but will not be incorporated into the work. These products include office products, temporary traffic control products, and pallets. It is recommended that these non-construction products, when used in the conduct of the work, contain the highest practicable percentage of

recycled or recovered materials and that these products be recycled when no longer needed.

1.6 RECORDKEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the Providence VA submittals outlining the individual products and quantities that have been used on the project which meet the CPG guidance outlined in the preceding sections. These submittals shall be prepared on a quarterly basis throughout the term of the contract and submitted to the COR for inclusion in the contract records and documentation.

SECTION 01 74 19
CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies the requirements for the management of non-hazardous building construction and demolition waste.
- B. Waste disposal in landfills shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible. Of the inevitable waste that is generated, as much of the waste material as economically feasible shall be salvaged, recycled or reused.
- C. Contractor shall use all reasonable means to divert construction and demolition waste from landfills and incinerators, and facilitate their salvage and recycle not limited to the following:
 - 1. Waste Management Plan development and implementation.
 - 2. Techniques to minimize waste generation.
 - 3. Sorting and separating of waste materials.
 - 4. Salvage of existing materials and items for reuse or resale.
 - 5. Recycling of materials that cannot be reused or sold.
- D. At a minimum the following waste categories shall be diverted from landfills:
 - 1. Soil.
 - 2. Inerts (eg, concrete, masonry and asphalt).
 - 3. Clean dimensional wood and palette wood.
 - 4. Green waste (biodegradable landscaping materials).
 - 5. Engineered wood products (plywood, particle board and I-joists, etc).
 - 6. Metal products (eg, steel, wire, beverage containers, etc).
 - 7. Cardboard, paper and packaging.
 - 8. Bitumen roofing materials.
 - 9. Plastics (eg, ABS, PVC).
 - 10. Carpet and/or pad.
 - 11. Gypsum board.
 - 12. Insulation.
 - 13. Paint.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 02 41 00, DEMOLITION.

B. Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

C. Lead Paint: Section 02 83 33.13, LEAD BASED PAINT REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL.

D. Section 01 62 35 RECYCLED/RECOVERED MATERIALS

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Contractor shall practice efficient waste management when sizing, cutting and installing building products. Processes shall be employed to ensure the generation of as little waste as possible. Construction /Demolition waste includes products of the following:

1. Excess or unusable construction materials.
2. Packaging used for construction products.
3. Poor planning and/or layout.
4. Construction error.
5. Over ordering.
6. Weather damage.
7. Contamination.
8. Mishandling.
9. Breakage.

B. Establish and maintain the management of non-hazardous building construction and demolition waste set forth herein. Conduct a site assessment to estimate the types of materials that will be generated by demolition and construction.

C. Contractor shall develop and implement procedures to reuse and recycle new materials to a minimum of 50 percent.

D. Contractor shall be responsible for implementation of any special programs involving rebates or similar incentives related to recycling. Any revenues or savings obtained from salvage or recycling shall accrue to the contractor.

E. Contractor shall provide all demolition, removal and legal disposal of materials. Contractor shall ensure that facilities used for recycling, reuse and disposal shall be permitted for the intended use to the extent required by local, state, federal regulations.

F. Contractor shall assign a specific area to facilitate separation of materials for reuse, salvage, recycling, and return. Such areas are to be kept neat and clean and clearly marked in order to avoid contamination or mixing of materials.

G. Contractor shall provide on-site instructions and supervision of separation, handling, salvaging, recycling, reuse and return methods to be used by all parties during waste generating stages.

- H. Record on daily reports any problems in complying with laws, regulations and ordinances with corrective action taken.

1.4 TERMINOLOGY

- A. Class III Landfill: A landfill that accepts non-hazardous resources such as household, commercial and industrial waste resulting from construction, remodeling, repair and demolition operations.
- B. Clean: Untreated and unpainted; uncontaminated with adhesives, oils, solvents, mastics and like products.
- C. Construction and Demolition Waste: Includes all non-hazardous resources resulting from construction, remodeling, alterations, repair and demolition operations.
- D. Dismantle: The process of parting out a building in such a way as to preserve the usefulness of its materials and components.
- E. Disposal: Acceptance of solid wastes at a legally operating facility for the purpose of land filling (includes Class III landfills and inert fills).
- F. Inert Backfill Site: A location, other than inert fill or other disposal facility, to which inert materials are taken for the purpose of filling an excavation, shoring or other soil engineering operation.
- G. Inert Fill: A facility that can legally accept inert waste, such as asphalt and concrete exclusively for the purpose of disposal.
- H. Inert Solids/Inert Waste: Non-liquid solid resources including, but not limited to, soil and concrete that does not contain hazardous waste or soluble pollutants at concentrations in excess of water-quality objectives established by a regional water board, and does not contain significant quantities of decomposable solid resources.
- I. Mixed Debris: Loads that include commingled recyclable and non-recyclable materials generated at the construction site.
- J. Mixed Debris Recycling Facility: A solid resource processing facility that accepts loads of mixed construction and demolition debris for the purpose of recovering re-usable and recyclable materials and disposing non-recyclable materials.
- K. Permitted Waste Hauler: A company that holds a valid permit to collect and transport solid wastes from individuals or businesses for the purpose of recycling or disposal.
- L. Recycling: The process of sorting, cleansing, treating, and reconstituting materials for the purpose of using the altered form in

the manufacture of a new product. Recycling does not include burning, incinerating or thermally destroying solid waste.

1. On-site Recycling - Materials that are sorted and processed on site for use in an altered state in the work, i.e. concrete crushed for use as a sub-base in paving.
 2. Off-site Recycling - Materials hauled to a location and used in an altered form in the manufacture of new products.
- M. Recycling Facility: An operation that can legally accept materials for the purpose of processing the materials into an altered form for the manufacture of new products. Depending on the types of materials accepted and operating procedures, a recycling facility may or may not be required to have a solid waste facilities permit or be regulated by the local enforcement agency.
- N. Reuse: Materials that are recovered for use in the same form, on-site or off-site.
- O. Return: To give back reusable items or unused products to vendors for credit.
- P. Salvage: To remove waste materials from the site for resale or re-use by a third party.
- Q. Source-Separated Materials: Materials that are sorted by type at the site for the purpose of reuse and recycling.
- R. Solid Waste: Materials that have been designated as non-recyclable and are discarded for the purposes of disposal.
- S. Transfer Station: A facility that can legally accept solid waste for the purpose of temporarily storing the materials for re-loading onto other trucks and transporting them to a landfill for disposal, or recovering some materials for re-use or recycling.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. In accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, and SAMPLES, furnish the following:
- B. Prepare and submit to the Resident Engineer a written demolition debris management plan. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 1. Procedures to be used for debris management.
 2. Techniques to be used to minimize waste generation.
 3. Analysis of the estimated job site waste to be generated:
 - a. List of each material and quantity to be salvaged, reused, recycled.

- b. List of each material and quantity proposed to be taken to a landfill.
- 4. Detailed description of the Means/Methods to be used for material handling.
 - a. On site: Material separation, storage, protection where applicable.
 - b. Off site: Transportation means and destination. Include list of materials.
 - 1) Description of materials to be site-separated and self-hauled to designated facilities.
 - 2) Description of mixed materials to be collected by designated waste haulers and removed from the site.
 - c. The names and locations of mixed debris reuse and recycling facilities or sites.
 - d. The names and locations of trash disposal landfill facilities or sites.
 - e. Documentation that the facilities or sites are approved to receive the materials.
- B. Designated Manager responsible for instructing personnel, supervising, documenting and administer over meetings relevant to the Waste Management Plan.
- C. Monthly summary of construction and demolition debris diversion and disposal, quantifying all materials generated at the work site and disposed of or diverted from disposal through recycling.

1.6 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

Publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced by the basic designation only. In the event that criteria requirements conflict, the most stringent requirements shall be met.

- A. U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC):
LEED Green Building Rating System for New Construction

1.7 RECORDS

Maintain records to document the quantity of waste generated; the quantity of waste diverted through sale, reuse, or recycling; and the quantity of waste disposed by landfill or incineration. Records shall be kept in accordance with the LEED Reference Guide and LEED Template.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. List of each material and quantity to be salvaged, recycled, reused.
- B. List of each material and quantity proposed to be taken to a landfill.
- C. Material tracking data: Receiving parties, dates removed, transportation costs, weight tickets, tipping fees, manifests, invoices, net total costs or savings.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 COLLECTION

- A. Provide all necessary containers, bins and storage areas to facilitate effective waste management.
- B. Clearly identify containers, bins and storage areas so that recyclable materials are separated from trash and can be transported to respective recycling facility for processing.
- C. Hazardous wastes shall be separated, stored, disposed of according to local, state, federal regulations.

3.2 DISPOSAL

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for transporting and disposing of materials that cannot be delivered to a source-separated or mixed materials recycling facility to a transfer station or disposal facility that can accept the materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.
- B. Construction or demolition materials with no practical reuse or that cannot be salvaged or recycled shall be disposed of at a landfill or incinerator.

3.3 REPORT

- A. With each application for progress payment, submit a summary of construction and demolition debris diversion and disposal including beginning and ending dates of period covered.
- B. Quantify all materials diverted from landfill disposal through salvage or recycling during the period with the receiving parties, dates removed, transportation costs, weight tickets, manifests, invoices. Include the net total costs or savings for each salvaged or recycled material.
- C. Quantify all materials disposed of during the period with the receiving parties, dates removed, transportation costs, weight tickets, tipping fees, manifests or invoices. Include the net total costs for each disposal.

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SECTION 03 30 00
CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE

PART 1 - GENERAL**1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

This section specifies cast-in-place structural concrete and material and mixes for other concrete.

1.2 RELATED WORK:

- A. Materials testing and inspection during construction: Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.
- B. Concrete roads, walks, and similar exterior site work: Section 32 05 23, CEMENT AND CONCRETE FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS.

1.3 TOLERANCES:

- A. ACI 117.
- B. Slab Finishes: ACI 117, F-number method in accordance with ASTM E1155.

1.4 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- A. ACI SP-66 ACI Detailing Manual
- B. ACI 318 - Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete.

1.5 SUBMITTALS:

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Concrete Mix Design.
- C. Shop Drawings: Reinforcing steel: Complete shop drawings.
- D. Manufacturer's Certificates: Air-entraining admixture, chemical admixtures, curing compounds.

1.6 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Concrete Institute (ACI):
 - 117R-06.....Tolerances for Concrete Construction and Materials
 - 211.1-91(R2002).....Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight, and Mass Concrete
 - 211.2-98(R2004).....Proportions for Structural Lightweight Concrete
 - 301-05.....Specification for Structural Concrete
 - 305R-06.....Hot Weather Concreting
 - 306R-2002.....Cold Weather Concreting
 - SP-66-04ACI Detailing Manual

- 318/318R-05.....Building Code Requirements for Reinforced
Concrete
- 347R-04.....Guide to Formwork for Concrete
- C. American Society for Testing And Materials (ASTM):
- A185-07.....Steel Welded Wire, Fabric, Plain for Concrete
Reinforcement
- A615/A615M-08.....Deformed and Plain Billet-Steel Bars for
Concrete Reinforcement
- A996/A996M-06.....Standard Specification for Rail-Steel and Axle-
Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- C31/C31M-08.....Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the
Field
- C33-07.....Concrete Aggregates
- C39/C39M-05.....Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete
Specimens
- C94/C94M-07.....Ready-Mixed Concrete
- C143/C143M-05.....Standard Test Method for Slump of Hydraulic
Cement Concrete
- C150-07.....Portland Cement
- C171-07.....Sheet Material for Curing Concrete
- C172-07.....Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete
- C173-07.Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Volumetric Method
- C192/C192M-07.....Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the
Laboratory
- C231-08.....Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the
Pressure Method
- C260-06.....Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
- C330-05.....Lightweight Aggregates for Structural Concrete
- C494/C494M-08.....Chemical Admixtures for Concrete
- C618-08.....Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural
Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
- D1751-04.Preformed Expansion Joint Fillers for Concrete Paving and
Structural Construction (Non-extruding and
Resilient Bituminous Types)
- D4397-02.....Polyethylene Sheeting for Construction,
Industrial and Agricultural Applications
- E1155-96(2008).....Determining F_F Floor Flatness and F_L Floor
Levelness Numbers

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 FORMS:**

Wood, plywood, metal, or other materials, approved by Resident Engineer, of grade or type suitable to obtain type of finish specified.

2.2 MATERIALS:

- A. Portland Cement: ASTM C150, Type I or II.
- B. Fly Ash: ASTM C618, Class C or F including supplementary optional requirements relating to reactive aggregates and alkalis, and loss on ignition (LOI) not to exceed 5 percent.
- C. Coarse Aggregate: ASTM C33, Size 67. Size 467 may be used for footings and walls over 300 mm (12 inches) thick. Coarse aggregate for applied topping and metal pan stair fill shall be Size 7.
- D. Fine Aggregate: ASTM C33.
- E. Lightweight Aggregate for Structural Concrete: ASTM C330, Table 1
- F. Mixing Water: Fresh, clean, and potable.
- G. Air-Entraining Admixture: ASTM C260.
- H. Chemical Admixtures: ASTM C494.
- I. Vapor Barrier: ASTM D4397, 0.25 mm (10 mil).
- J. Reinforcing Steel: ASTM A615 or ASTM A996, deformed. See structural drawings for grade.
- K. Welded Wire Fabric: ASTM A185.
- L. Expansion Joint Filler: ASTM D1751.
- M. Sheet Materials for Curing Concrete: ASTM C171.
- N. Abrasive Aggregates: Aluminum oxide grains or emery grits.
- O. Liquid Densifier/Sealer: 100 percent active colorless aqueous silicate solution.
- P. Grout, Non-Shrinking: Premixed ferrous or non-ferrous, mixed and applied in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Grout shall show no settlement or vertical drying shrinkage at 3 days or thereafter based on initial measurement made at time of placement, and produce a compressive strength of at least 18mpa (2500 psi) at 3 days and 35mpa (5000 psi) at 28 days.

2.3 CONCRETE MIXES:

- A. Design of concrete mixes using materials specified shall be the responsibility of the Contractor as set forth under Option C of ASTM C94.
- B. Compressive strength at 28 days shall be not less than 30 Mpa (4000 psi).

- C. Establish strength of concrete by testing prior to beginning concreting operation. Test consists of average of three cylinders made and cured in accordance with ASTM C192 and tested in accordance with ASTM C39.
- D. Maximum slump for vibrated concrete is 100 mm (4 inches) tested in accordance with ASTM C143.
- E. Cement and water factor (See Table I):

TABLE I - CEMENT AND WATER FACTORS FOR CONCRETE

Concrete: Strength	Non-Air-Entrained		Air-Entrained	
Min. 28 Day Comp. Str. MPa (psi)	Min. Cement kg/m ³ (lbs/c. yd)	Max. Water Cement Ratio	Min. Cement kg/m ³ (lbs/c. yd)	Max. Water Cement Ratio
35 (5000) ^{1,3}	375 (630)	0.45	385 (650)	0.40
30 (4000) ^{1,3}	325 (550)	0.55	340 (570)	0.50
25 (3000) ^{1,3}	280 (470)	0.65	290 (490)	0.55
25 (3000) ^{1,2}	300 (500)	*	310 (520)	*

1. If trial mixes are used, the proposed mix design shall achieve a compressive strength 8.3 MPa (1200 psi) in excess of f'c. For concrete strengths above 35 Mpa (5000 psi), the proposed mix design shall achieve a compressive strength 9.7 MPa (1400 psi) in excess of f'c.
 2. Lightweight Structural Concrete. Pump mixes may require higher cement values.
 3. For concrete exposed to high sulfate content soils maximum water cement ratio is 0.44.
- * Determined by Laboratory in accordance with ACI 211.1 for normal concrete or ACI 211.2 for lightweight structural concrete.
- F. Air-entrainment is required for all exterior concrete and as required for Section 32 05 23, CEMENT AND CONCRETE FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS. Air content shall conform with the following table:

**TABLE I - TOTAL AIR CONTENT
FOR VARIOUS SIZES OF COARSE AGGREGATES (NORMAL CONCRETE)**

Nominal Maximum Size of Coarse Aggregate	Total Air Content Percentage by Volume
10 mm (3/8 in)	6 to 10
13 mm (1/2 in)	5 to 9
19 mm (3/4 in)	4 to 8
25 mm (1 in)	3 1/2 to 6 1/2
40 mm (1 1/2 in)	3 to 6

2.4 BATCHING & MIXING:

A. Store, batch, and mix materials as specified in ASTM C94.

1. Job-Mixed: Concrete mixed at job site shall be mixed in a batch mixer in manner specified for stationary mixers in ASTM C94.
2. Ready-Mixed: Ready-mixed concrete comply with ASTM C94, except use of non-agitating equipment for transporting concrete to the site will not be permitted. With each load of concrete delivered to project, ready-mixed concrete producer shall furnish, in duplicate, certification as required by ASTM C94.
3. Mixing structural lightweight concrete: Charge mixer with 2/3 of total mixing water and all of the aggregate. Mix ingredients for not less than 30 seconds in a stationary mixer or not less than 10 revolutions at mixing speed in a truck mixer. Add remaining mixing water and other ingredients and continue mixing. Above procedure may be modified as recommended by aggregate producer.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 FORMWORK:

- A. Installation conforming to ACI 347. Sufficiently tight to hold concrete without leakage, sufficiently braced to withstand vibration of concrete, and to carry, without appreciable deflection, all dead and live loads to which they may be subjected.
- B. Treating and Wetting: Treat or wet contact forms as follows:
 1. Coat plywood and board forms with non-staining form sealer. In hot weather cool forms by wetting with cool water just before concrete is placed.
 2. Clean and coat removable metal forms with light form oil before reinforcement is placed. In hot weather cool metal forms by thoroughly wetting with water just before placing concrete.
 3. Use sealer on reused plywood forms as specified for new material.

C. Inserts, sleeves, and similar items: Flashing reglets, masonry ties, anchors, inserts, wires, hangers, sleeves, boxes for floor hinges and other items specified as furnished under this and other sections of specifications and required to be in their final position at time concrete is placed shall be properly located, accurately positioned and built into construction, and maintained securely in place.

D. Construction Tolerances:

1. Contractor is responsible for setting and maintaining concrete formwork to assure erection of completed work within tolerances specified to accommodate installation or other rough and finish materials. Remedial work necessary for correcting excessive tolerances is the responsibility of the Contractor. Erected work that exceeds specified tolerance limits shall be remedied or removed and replaced, at no additional cost to the Government.
2. Permissible surface irregularities for various classes of materials are defined as "finishes" in specification sections covering individual materials. They are to be distinguished from tolerances specified which are applicable to surface irregularities of structural elements.

3.2 REINFORCEMENT:

Details of concrete reinforcement, unless otherwise shown, in accordance with ACI 318 and ACI SP-66. Support and securely tie reinforcing steel to prevent displacement during placing of concrete.

3.3 VAPOR BARRIER:

Except where membrane waterproofing is required, place interior concrete slabs on a continuous vapor barrier.

- A. Place 100 mm (4 inches) of fine granular fill over the vapor barrier to act as a blotter for concrete slab.
- B. Lap joints 150 mm (6 inches) and seal with a compatible pressure-sensitive tape.
- C. Patch punctures and tears.

3.4 PLACING CONCRETE:

- A. Remove water from excavations before concrete is placed. Remove hardened concrete, debris and other foreign materials from interior of forms, and from inside of mixing and conveying equipment. Obtain approval of Resident Engineer before placing concrete. Provide screeds at required elevations for concrete slabs.
- B. Before placing new concrete on or against concrete which has set, existing surfaces shall be roughened and cleaned free from all laitance, foreign matter, and loose particles.

- C. Convey concrete from mixer to final place of deposit by method which will prevent segregation or loss of ingredients. Do not deposit in work concrete that has attained its initial set or has contained its water or cement more than 1 1/2 hours. Do not allow concrete to drop freely more than 1500 mm (5 feet) in unexposed work nor more than 900 mm (3 feet) in exposed work. Place and consolidate concrete in horizontal layers not exceeding 300 mm (12 inches) in thickness. Consolidate concrete by spading, rodding, and mechanical vibrator. Do not secure vibrator to forms or reinforcement. Vibration shall be carried on continuously with placing of concrete.
- D. Hot weather placing of concrete: Follow recommendations of ACI 305R to prevent problems in the manufacturing, placing, and curing of concrete that can adversely affect the properties and serviceability of the hardened concrete.
- E. Cold weather placing of concrete: Follow recommendations of ACI 306R, to prevent freezing of thin sections less than 300 mm (12 inches) and to permit concrete to gain strength properly, except that use of calcium chloride shall not be permitted without written approval from Resident Engineer.

3.5 PROTECTION AND CURING:

Protect exposed surfaces of concrete from premature drying, wash by rain or running water, wind, mechanical injury, and excessively hot or cold temperature. Curing method shall be subject to approval by Resident Engineer.

3.6 FORM REMOVAL:

Forms remain in place until concrete has a sufficient strength to carry its own weight and loads supported. Removal of forms at any time is the Contractor's sole responsibility.

3.7 SURFACE PREPARATION:

Immediately after forms have been removed and work has been examined and approved by Resident Engineer, remove loose materials, and patch all stone pockets, surface honeycomb, or similar deficiencies with cement mortar made with 1 part portland cement and 2 to 3 parts sand.

3.8 FINISHES:

- A. Vertical and Overhead Surface Finishes:
 - 1. Unfinished Areas: Vertical and overhead concrete surfaces exposed in unfinished areas, above suspended ceilings in manholes, and other unfinished areas exposed or concealed will not require additional finishing.

2. Interior and Exterior Exposed Areas (to be painted): Fins, burrs and similar projections on surface shall be knocked off flush by mechanical means approved by Resident Engineer and rubbed lightly with a fine abrasive stone or hone. Use an ample amount of water during rubbing without working up a lather of mortar or changing texture of concrete.
3. Interior and Exterior Exposed Areas (finished): Finished areas, unless otherwise shown, shall be given a grout finish of uniform color and shall have a smooth finish treated as follows:
 - a. After concrete has hardened and laitance, fins and burrs have been removed, scrub concrete with wire brushes. Clean stained concrete surfaces by use of a hone or stone.
 - b. Apply grout composed of 1 part portland cement and 1 part clean, fine sand (smaller than 600 micro-m (No. 30) sieve). Work grout into surface of concrete with cork floats or fiber brushes until all pits and honeycomb are filled.
 - c. After grout has hardened, but still plastic, remove surplus grout with a sponge rubber float and by rubbing with clean burlap.
 - d. In hot, dry weather use a fog spray to keep grout wet during setting period. Complete finish for any area in same day. Confine limits of finished areas to natural breaks in wall surface. Do not leave grout on concrete surface overnight.

B. Slab Finishes:

1. Scratch Finish: Slab surfaces to receive a bonded applied cementitious application shall all be thoroughly raked or wire broomed after partial setting (within 2 hours after placing) to roughen surface to insure a permanent bond between base slab and applied cementitious materials.
2. Floating: Allow water brought to surface by float used for rough finishing to evaporate before surface is again floated or troweled. Do not sprinkle dry cement on surface to absorb water.
3. Float Finish: Ramps, stair treads, and platforms, both interior and exterior, equipment pads, and slabs to receive non-cementitious materials, except as specified, shall be screened and floated to a smooth dense finish. After first floating, while surface is still soft, surfaces shall be checked for alignment using a straightedge or template. Correct high spots by cutting down with a trowel or similar tool and correct low spots by filling in with material of same composition as floor finish. Remove any surface projections on floated finish by rubbing or dry grinding. Refloat the slab to a uniform sandy texture.

4. Steel Trowel Finish: Applied toppings, concrete surfaces to receive resilient floor covering or carpet, future floor roof and all monolithic concrete floor slabs exposed in finished work and for which no other finish is shown or specified shall be steel troweled. Final steel troweling to secure a smooth, dense surface shall be delayed as long as possible, generally when the surface can no longer be dented with finger. During final troweling, tilt steel trowel at a slight angle and exert heavy pressure on trowel to compact cement paste and form a dense, smooth surface. Finished surface shall be free of trowel marks, uniform in texture and appearance.
5. Broom Finish: Finish all exterior slabs, ramps, and stair treads with a bristle brush moistened with clear water after the surfaces have been floated.
6. Finished slab flatness (FF) and levelness (FL) values comply with the following minimum requirements:

Slab on grade & Shored suspended slabs		Unshored suspended slabs	
Specified overall value	F _F 25/F _L 20	Specified overall value	F _F 25
Minimum local value	F _F 17/F _L 15	Minimum local value	F _F 17

3.9 SURFACE TREATMENTS:

- A. Surface treatments shall be mixed and applied in accordance with manufacturer's printed instructions.
- B. Liquid Densifier/Sealer: Use on all exposed concrete floors and concrete floors to receive carpeting.
- C. Non-Slip Finish: Except where safety nosing and tread coverings are shown, apply non-slip abrasive aggregate to treads and platforms of all concrete steps and stairs, and to surfaces of exterior concrete ramps and platforms. Aggregate shall be broadcast uniformly over concrete surface. Trowel concrete surface to smooth dense finish. After curing, rub the treated surface with abrasive brick and water sufficiently to slightly expose abrasive aggregate.

3.10 APPLIED TOPPING:

- A. Separate concrete topping with thickness and strength shown with only enough water to insure a stiff, workable, plastic mix.
- B. Continuously place applied topping until entire section is complete, struck off with straightedge, compact by rolling or tamping, float and steel trowel to a hard smooth finish.

3.11 RESURFACING FLOORS:

Remove existing flooring, in areas to receive resurfacing, to expose existing structural slab and to extend not less than 25 mm (1 inch) below new finished floor level. Prepare exposed structural slab surface by roughening, broom cleaning, wetting, and grouting. Apply topping as specified.

3.12 RETAINING WALLS:

- A. Concrete for retaining walls shall be as shown and air-entrained.
- B. Install and construct expansion and contraction joints, waterstops, weep holes, reinforcement and railing sleeves as shown.
- C. Finish exposed surfaces to match adjacent concrete surfaces, new or existing.
- D. Porous backfill shall be placed as shown.

3.13 PRECAST CONCRETE ITEMS:

Precast concrete items, not specified elsewhere, shall be cast using 30 MPa (4000 psi) air-entrained concrete to shapes and dimensions shown. Finish surfaces to match corresponding adjacent concrete surfaces. Reinforce with steel as necessary for safe handling and erection.

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