

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 1 Specifications Sections, apply to this Section.
- B. This section describes specific requirements, products, and methods of execution, which are typical throughout the electrical work of this project. Additional requirements for the specific systems may modify these requirements.
- C. This Section applies to all Divisions 26, 27 and 28 and is part of all other Divisions 26, 27 and 28 Sections.
- D. Index of Electrical Specifications:
 - 1. 260000 - Electrical General Requirements
 - 2. 260519 - Low Voltage Electrical Power Conductors and Cables
 - 3. 260526 - Grounding and Bonding for Electrical Systems
 - 4. 260529 - Hangers and Supports for Electrical Systems
 - 5. 260533 - Raceway and Boxes for Electrical Systems
 - 6. 260553 - Identification for Electrical Systems
 - 7. 260943 - Network Lighting Controls
 - 8. 262726 - Wiring Devices
 - 9. 262800 - Low Voltage Circuit Protective Devices
 - 10. 262816 - Enclosed Switches and Circuit Breakers
 - 11. 262900 - Low Voltage Controllers
 - 12. 265000 - Lighting Fixtures
 - 13. 272010 - Telecom Distribution System
 - 14. 281300 - Security Access System
 - 15. 283100 - Addressable Fire Alarm System

1.2 REFERENCES

- A. Codes: Perform work in strict accordance with applicable national, state and local codes; including, but not limited to the latest legally enacted editions of the following specifically noted requirements:
 - 1. NFPA 70, National Electrical Code - NEC.
 - 2. ANSI-C2, National Electrical Safety Code - NESC.
 - 3. International Building Code - IBC.
 - 4. International Fire Code - IFC.
 - 5. Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or approved equal.

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- B. Standards: Reference to the following standards infers that installation, equipment and material shall be within the limits for which it was designed, tested and approved, in conformance with the current publications and standards of the following organizations:
1. American National Standards Institute - ANSI.
 2. American Society for Testing and Materials - ASTM.
 3. American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers - ASHRAE.
 4. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers - IEEE.
 5. Insulated Cable Engineers Association - ICEA.
 6. National Electrical Manufacturers' Association - NEMA.
 7. National Fire Protection Association - NFPA.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. "Accessible" means arranged so that an appropriately dressed man, 6 feet-2 inches tall, weighing 250 pounds, may approach the area in question with the tools and products necessary for the work intended and may then position himself to properly and safely perform the task to be accomplished, without disassembly or damage to the surrounding installation.
- B. "Authority Having Jurisdiction" is the individual official, board, department, or agency established and authorized by the political subdivision created by law to administer and enforce the provisions of the Code as adopted or amended.
- C. "As Specified" denotes a product, system, or installation that:
1. Includes all of the salient characteristics identified in the Drawings and Specifications;
 2. Meets all of the requirements of the "Basis of Design"; and
 3. Is produced by a manufacturer listed as acceptable on the Drawings or in the Specifications.
- D. "Basis of Design" refers to products around which the design was prepared. Some or all of the particular characteristics of Basis of Design products may be critical to the fit or performance of the completed installation. Such characteristics are often subtle. Where substitutions are made to products that are the Basis of Design, the Contractor is alerted that nominally acceptable substitutions may produce undesirable side effects such as switchboards that no longer fit the space due to increased product dimensions. The Contractor is responsible for resolving all impacts of substitutions. Approval of a substitution request does not relieve the Contractor of complying with the design intent and all Codes.
- E. "Contracting Agency" is the Owner as defined in the General Conditions of the Contract.
- F. "Demolish" means to permanently remove a component, equipment, or system and its appurtenances with no intent for reuse and to properly dispose of it.
- G. "Furnish" means to purchase material as shown and specified, and cart the material to an approved location at the site or elsewhere as noted or agreed to be installed by supporting crafts.
- H. "Install" means to set in place and connect, ready for use and in complete and properly operating finished condition, material that has been furnished.

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- I. "Product" is a generic term that includes materials, equipment, fixtures and any physical item used on the project.
- J. "Provide" means furnish all products, labor, subcontracts, and appurtenances required and install to a complete and properly operating, finished condition.
- K. "Remove" means to remove a component, equipment, or system and its appurtenances and either store it for re-installation, reuse, or turn it over to the Contracting Agency.
- L. "Rough-in and Connect" means provide an appropriate system connection such as conduit with junction boxes, wiring, switches, disconnects, etc., and wiring connections. Equipment furnished is received, uncrated, assembled, and set in place under the Division in which it is specified.
- M. "Serviceable" means arranged so that the component or product in question may be properly removed, and replaced without disassembly, destruction or damage to the surrounding installation. "Serviceable" components shall be "accessible".
- N. "Shop Drawings" are dimensioned working construction drawings drawn to scale to show an entire area of work in sufficient detail to demonstrate service and maintenance clearances and complete coordination of all trades.
- O. "Substitution" is a product, system or installation that is not by a listed manufacturer or does not conform to all salient characteristics identified in the Contract Documents, but which the Contractor warrants meets all specific requirements listed in the Contract Documents.
- P. "System Drawing" is a diagrammatic engineered drawing that shows the interconnection and relationship between products to demonstrate how the products interact to accomplish the function intended. Examples of system drawings include control and instrumentation diagrams, and wiring diagrams. Some drawings, such as dimensioned and complete Fire Suppression Drawings may be both System Drawings and Shop Drawings.

1.4 CONSTRUCTION PHASING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The facility will remain operational throughout the project construction. Project will require construction phasing to minimize impacts to facility operations. Contractor will be required to develop and coordinate construction phasing plans with Owner. Refer to Architectural and Division 1 for additional information.

1.5 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Provide labor, products and services required for the complete installation, checkout and startup of electrical systems shown and specified. Where the work of several crafts is involved, coordinate related work to provide each system in complete and in proper operating order.
- B. Lay out the work in advance and avoid conflict with other work in progress. Physical dimensions shall be determined from existing conditions. Verify locations for junction boxes; disconnect switches, stub-ups, etc., for connection to equipment furnished by others, or in other Divisions of this Work.

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- C. Refer to the “Suggested Coordination Schedule” in Section 200000 - Mechanical General Requirements.
- D. Cooperate with others involved in the project, with due regard to their work, to promote rapid completion of the entire project.
- E. Coordinate installation of panels, equipment, system components, and other products to provide proper service areas and access for items requiring periodic maintenance inspection or replacement.
- F. Reference to a specific manufacturer’s product (even as “Basis of Design”) does not necessarily establish acceptability of that product without regard to compliance with all other provisions of these specifications.
- G. Local Conditions: The Contractor shall thoroughly familiarize himself with the work as well as the local conditions under which the work is to be performed. Schedule work with regard to seasons, weather, climatic conditions and other local conditions which may affect the progress and quality of the work.
- H. Demolition: Coordinate related demolition in support of the project. Restore circuits and systems, which are to remain, but which are affected in any way by demolition Work. Conduct a site visit prior to bid to determine Scope. Refer to Part 3 of this Section for execution requirements.

1.6 SUBMITTALS

- A. Refer to Division 1 for general submittal, closeout submittal and product substitution requirements. In addition, prepare Divisions 26, 27 and 28 submittals in accordance with the following.
- B. Specification section drawings, calculations, and products shall be complete and submitted together in one package.
- C. General:
 - 1. The Contracting Agency’s obligation to review submittals and to return them in a timely manner is conditioned upon the prior review and approval of the submittals by the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract.
 - 2. Streamlining: in many instances, the products, reference standards, and other itemized specifications have been listed without verbiage. In these cases, it is implied that the Contractor shall provide the products and perform in accordance with the references listed.
 - 3. Submittal review is for general design and arrangement only and does not relieve the Contractor from any of the requirements of the Contract Documents.
 - 4. Submittals will not be checked for quantity.
 - 5. Submittals will not be exhaustively checked for dimension or fit, or for proper technical design of manufactured equipment. Provision of a complete and satisfactory working installation is the responsibility of the Contractor.

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6. Furnish suppliers with the applicable portions of the Contract Documents and review and verify that the suppliers' submittals clearly represent products which comply with the Contract Documents.

D. Electronic Submittals:

1. Submittals may be in electronic (PDF) format.
 - a. Electronic submittals shall follow the organization and formatting required for paper submittals.
 - 1). Provide electronic bookmarks within the PDF document in place of tabs and sub-tabs.
 - 2). If individual PDF files are provided for each product or shop drawing sheet, organize files into folders and name files and folders to correspond with applicable specification sections or drawing titles.
 - b. If submittal is a scanned document, run the optical character recognition OCR function to ensure the document is searchable and can be copied and pasted.
 - c. Electronic submittals may be transmitted via Email, disc or download from a project or construction Website.

E. Coordination:

1. Create and maintain a master submittal log for all items submitted in Divisions 26, 27 and 28.
2. Prior to submission for approval hold a meeting of all trades to review all shop drawings and submittals. All trades shall cross-check all shop drawings and submittals for conflicts, clearances, physical space allocation and routing, discrepancies, dimensional errors, omissions, contradictions, departures from the Contract requirements, correct electrical/mechanical services and connections, and provisions for commissioning.
3. Revise, correct, and appropriately annotate submittals prior to submission for approval.
4. A current copy of approved submittals and the submittal log shall be kept at the job site.

F. Product Submittals

1. General: This section describes in detail the preparation of electrical product submittals. Submittals not provided as described shall be rejected without review. This procedure is designed to accelerate and improve the accuracy of the technical review process, as well as, simplify the preparation of the Installation, Operation, and Maintenance Manuals (IO&Ms) during project closeout.
2. Submittal Organization:
 - a. Organize product submittal information in the same order as the products are specified to simplify the technical review process. Provide a separate tabbed divider for each Divisions 26, 27 and 28 specification section. Provide the typed section number on each tab.
 - b. Within each section, organize the product information in the same order as the products are specified in Part 2 of each applicable specification section. Provide sub-

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tabs within each section for each separate product article. Provide the typed product article number on each tab.

- c. Provide product submittal information for each product specified in 8-1/2" x 11" format. Fold-out 11" x 17" format is also acceptable.
- d. If a particular specified product is being omitted from the product submittal or will not be used for the project, provide a single sheet within the article tab identifying the product and annotated with a brief reason why the product is not being submitted, for example: "NOT USED," NO SUBMITTAL REQUIRED," "TO BE SUBMITTED BY (PROVIDE DATE)," etc. This will inform the reviewer that the product was not overlooked.
- e. Partial submittals from individual subcontractors may be provided which cover a particular sub-contractor's scope of work. In this case, arrange partial submittals by system classification such as: LIGHTING, POWER DISTRIBUTION, FIRE ALARM, ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM, etc. Within each system classification, arrange product submittals by specification section, as described, such that each specification section can easily be reorganized into a master set of Divisions 26, 27 and 28 product submittals organized by specification section. This will greatly simplify the preparation of IO&M manuals as described below.
- f. Bind product submittal information in 3 inch wide, hard backed, loose leaf, 3 ring binders with clear front and spine insert pockets. Divide information into multiple volumes such that the pages in each binder rest naturally on one side of rings.
- g. Provide a master table of contents at the front of each volume which lists the Divisions 26, 27 and 28 specification sections and indicates which sections are located within each volume.
- h. Provide a table of contents within each section which lists the Part 2 products for that section in the same order as the applicable specification section.
- i. Provide identical cover and spine inserts for each product submittal volume.
- j. For multiple volumes, label each volume. Include the following typed information on the front cover and spine inserts of each volume:
 - 1). The Contracting Agency Name
 - 2). Project Name
 - 3). Contractor Name
 - 4). Subcontractor Name preparing the submittal.
 - 5). Date that the submittal or resubmittal was initiated.
 - 6). "Electrical Product Submittals", etc. as appropriate.
 - 7). "Volume 1 of X, Volume 2 of X," etc.

3. Product Information:

- a. Indicate manufacturer's name and address, and local supplier's name, address, phone number.
- b. Indicate each product as "Basis of Design", "As Specified" or as "Proposed Substitution."
- c. Identify Catalog designation and/or model number.
- d. Neatly annotate each salient characteristic and design options of the product to demonstrate compliance with the Contract Documents to include: Scheduled information, drawing information and specified information. Clearly indicate product deviations from the Contract Documents and mark out non-applicable items on generic "cut-sheets."

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- e. Include manufacturer provided dimensioned equipment drawings with mechanical and electrical rough-in connections.
 - f. Include operation characteristics, performance curves and rated capacities.
 - g. Include motor characteristics and wiring diagrams for the specific system.
 - h. Provide basic manufacturer's installation instructions.
- 4. Provide coordination data to check protective devices.
 - 5. Provide information required to verify compliance with the short circuit withstand and interrupting ratings, as shown on the Drawings or further stated in these Specifications.
 - 6. Provide certification that all data shown on the Drawings or further stated in these Specifications concerning available short-circuit currents has been confirmed with the serving Electric Utility.
 - 7. Product Substitutions:
 - a. Clearly indicate both in the section table of contents and on the individual product submittal information each proposed substitution, deviation or change from the product as described in the Contract Documents.
 - b. Submittal approval does not include substitutions, deviations or changes from the requirements of the Contract Documents unless they are specifically itemized and approved. The term "No Exceptions Taken" will not apply to substitutions, deviations or changes not clearly identified.
 - c. Provision of a satisfactory working installation of equal quality to the system as described in the Contract Documents shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.
 - d. Correct unapproved deviations from the Contract Documents discovered in the field as directed by the Contracting Agency at no additional cost to the Owner.

G. System Drawings:

- 1. Submit System Drawings for dynamic elements/systems of the project which are performance specified to include but not limited to: Fire Alarm Systems, Lightning Protection Systems and stand-alone packaged equipment.
- 2. Prepare system drawings on full sized sheets of the same size as the original construction drawings.
- 3. Include with each system a sequence of operation narrative which describes each mode of system operation in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the Contract Documents to the satisfaction of the Contracting Agency.

H. Shop Drawings:

- 1. General:
 - a. The Contract Documents are not intended for nor are they suitable for use as shop drawings. Do not use Contract Drawings for direct fabrication or installation of products or equipment.
 - b. Divisions 26, 27 and 28 products and systems shall not be installed without shop drawings approved by the Contracting Agency.
 - c. Rework, changes or additional engineering support required as a result of the installation of products and systems prior to the approval of applicable shop drawings by the Contracting Agency shall be provided at the Contractor's expense.

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2. Preparation:

- a. Review each Divisions 26, 27 and 28 specification section and identify the project's shop drawing requirements.
- b. Prepare shop drawings on full sized sheets of the same size as the original construction drawings.
- c. Arrange shop drawings to scale, showing dimensions where accuracy of location is necessary for coordination or communication purposes.
- d. Incorporate the actual dimensions and configurations of the products and systems approved through the product submittal process into the shop drawings.
- e. Provide dimensioned maintenance clearance areas around each product as recommended by the manufacturer.
- f. Meet with and coordinate Divisions 26, 27 and 28 work with the interrelated work of other trades including Architectural, Civil, Structural, and Mechanical to identify and resolve potential conflicts.
- g. Clearly identify and provide recommendations to resolve major conflicts which may impact the design of the systems as shown. Resolve such conflicts during the shop drawing review process.
- h. In cases where one or more equipment items in a mechanical or electrical room or space differ in dimensions or configuration from Basis of Design equipment, the working drawing shall show the entire area. The drawing shall be dimensioned to indicate that required aisle ways and maintenance clearances are being maintained to at least the degree shown on the Contract Drawings.
- i. Provide shop drawings for all products, systems, system components, and special supports that are not a standard catalog product and which may be fabricated for the Contractor or by the Contractor. In addition provide shop drawings for:
 - 1). Electrical and telecommunications rooms and spaces, including all equipment. Demonstrate all required clearances and working spaces are provided.
 - 2). Routing and interdisciplinary coordination of groups of conduits numbering more than one and over two inch trade size.
 - 3). Cable Trays.
 - 4). Telecom equipment rack elevations.
 - 5). Where noted on the drawings.
 - 6). Where noted in other Divisions 26, 27 and 28 sections.

3. Shop Drawing Submittal:

- a. Submit dimensioned shop drawings as specified to demonstrate proper planning and sequencing of the applicable trades for the installation and arrangement of Divisions 26, 27 and 28 with respect to other interrelated work.
- b. Installation conflicts arising from the failure to properly coordinate the work of related trades shall be resolved at the Contractor's expense.

I. Record Drawings

1. General: As the Work progresses, neatly annotate a designated and otherwise unused, set of Divisions 26, 27 and 28 Contract Drawings to show the actual locations and routing of Divisions 26, 27 and 28 Work and the terminal connection points to related Work. As a minimum, include the following:

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- a. Annotate record drawings to incorporate each applicable addendum.
- b. Annotate record drawings as directed by each applicable Request for Information (RFI) and accepted Change Order Proposal.
- c. Modify record drawings to show actual equipment sizes and locations.
- d. Provide fully dimensioned locations for permanently concealed conduits (i.e. conduit cast in concrete or buried underground/underslab).
- e. Show routing of work in permanently concealed blind spaces within the building.
- f. Maintain drawings in an up-to-date fashion in conjunction with the actual progress of installation. Accurate progress mark-ups shall be available on-site for examination by the Contracting Agency or their representative at all times.

2. Preparation:

- a. Neatly annotate record drawings to provide clear interpretation to support electronic drafting by a third party.
- b. Tape electronic sketches from addendums and/or RFIs directly to the record drawings as overlays.
- c. Annotate the record drawings in colored pencil using the same symbols and abbreviations as indicated in the Divisions 26, 27 and 28 legends and schedules of the Contract Drawings.
 - 1). Red to add information.
 - 2). Green to delete information.
 - 3). Blue to provide additional clarifying information which is not to be drafted.
- d. After submittal to the Contracting Agency, provide additional clarification, information or rework as necessary to support the accurate interpretation and electronic drafting of the record drawings.

3. Submittals:

- a. Provide dimensioned underslab record drawings to the Contracting Agency prior to pouring the slab. For slabs poured in multiple sections, provide record drawings for the applicable slab sections to the Contracting Agency prior to each pour.
- b. Provide complete record drawings for concealed areas (i.e. above lay-in and hard ceilings and inside walls) to the Contracting Agency prior to concealment.
- c. Provide the remaining portion of the record drawings for exposed areas to the Contracting Agency prior to the final completion of the project.
- d. Prepare wiring diagrams for individual special systems as installed. Identify components and show wire and terminal numbers and connections. Include diagrams from the shop drawings and submittals, updated to show as-built condition.

J. Test Certificates:

1. Review the submittal requirements for Quality Assurance/Control Submittals for each specification section.
2. Submit copies of design data, test reports, certificates, manufacturer's instructions and field test reports as specified. This information may be included within the Operations and Maintenance (IO&M) Manuals as determined by the Contracting Agency.

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K. Operations and Maintenance (IO&M) Manuals:

1. Provide specific product IO&M information for each section as detailed within each Divisions 26, 27 and 28 section.
2. Begin the preparation of the electrical Operation and Maintenance Manuals with a complete and fully approved set of electrical product submittals organized, annotated and with the product information as indicated within the "Product Submittals" article for each specification section.
3. Next, augment each individual product submittal with the written installation, operations and maintenance information for each specific product. Obviously, this type of information is not applicable (or available) for bulk commodity or simplistic products such as conduit or equipment tags, etc.
4. Maintenance information shall include:
 - a. Preventive maintenance requirements for each product, including the recommended frequency of performance of each preventive maintenance task.
 - b. Instructions for troubleshooting, minor repair and adjustments required for preventive maintenance routines, limited to repairs and adjustments that may be performed without special tools or test equipment and that require no extensive special training or skills.
 - c. Information of a maintenance nature covering warranty items, etc., that have not been discussed in the manufacturers' literature.
 - d. Information data for spare and replacement parts for each product and system. Properly identify each part by part number and manufacturer.
 - e. Recommended spare parts list.
5. Organize the Operation and Maintenance Manual information by specification section (not by sub-contractor) with a tabbed divider separating each section. Provide the typed section number on each tab.
6. Within each section, organize the product information in the same order as the products are specified in Part 2 of each applicable section. Provide sub-tabs within each section for each product. Provide the typed product article number on each tab.
7. Bind the information in identical, 3 inch wide; hard backed loose leaf 3 ring binders with clear front and spine insert pockets. Divide information into multiple volumes so that the pages in each binder rest naturally on one side of rings.
8. Provide a master table of contents at the front of each volume which lists the Divisions 26, 27 and 28 specification sections and indicates which sections are located within each volume.
9. Provide a table of contents within each section which lists the Part 2 products for that section in the same order as the applicable specification section.
10. Provide identical cover and spine inserts for each IO&M manual volume.
11. For multiple volumes, label each volume.
12. Include the following typed information on the front cover and spine inserts of each volume:
 - a. The Contracting Agency Name.
 - b. Project Name.
 - c. "Electrical Operations and Maintenance Manual".
 - d. "Volume 1 of X, Volume 2 of X," etc.

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13. Submit copies of all Operation and Maintenance Manuals in electronic format (Adobe PDF).

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Qualifications: Perform the Work using qualified workmen that are experienced and usually employed in the trade.
- B. Product Testing and Certification:
 1. Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) Labeling: Electrical equipment and conductors shall be “Approved,” “Certified,” “Identified,” or “Listed” and “Labeled” to establish that the electrical equipment is safe, free of electrical shock and fire hazard, and suitable for the purpose for which it is intended to be used. The manufacturer shall have the specific authorization of one of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) in accordance with the applicable national standards to label the equipment as suitable.
 2. Further details on the specific NRTLs, as well as the product standards that they are specifically recognized to evaluate equipment in accordance with, can be found on the OSHA Web site: <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/>
- C. Drawings and Specifications:
 1. The Drawings and specifications are complementary. Do not scale the Drawings. Locations of devices, fixtures, and equipment are approximate unless dimensioned.
 2. The Drawings are partly diagrammatic and do not show precise routing of conduits or exact location of all products, and may not show in minute detail all features of the installation; however, provide all systems complete and in proper operating order.
 3. Drawing symbols used for basic materials, equipment and methods are commonly used by the industry. Special items are identified by a supplementary list of graphical illustrations, or called for on the Drawings or in the specifications.
- D. Tests and Inspections:
 1. Schedule, obtain, and pay for permits and fees required by local authorities and by these specifications.
 2. Request for Tests: Notify the Contracting Agency a minimum of 72 hours in advance of tests. In the event the Contracting Agency does not witness the test, certify in writing that all specified tests have been made in accordance with the specifications.
 3. Deficiencies: Immediately correct deficiencies that are evidenced during the tests and repeat tests until system is approved. Do not cover or conceal electrical installations until satisfactory tests are made and approved.
 4. Operating Tests: Upon request from the Contracting Agency, place the entire electrical installation and/or any portion thereof, in operation to demonstrate satisfactory operation.
 5. The Contracting Agency may inspect and approve sample installation of systems and equipment prior to general installation of units.
 6. Test Witness: Arrange for the Contracting Agency to witness tests. The Contracting Agency may waive witnessing any specific test at its discretion.

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1.8 WARRANTY

- A. Warranty work shall be promptly coordinated and performed at the Contractor's sole expense. Workmanship, labor and materials (without limitation) in this Division shall be warranted for the longer of the following:
 - 1. As called for in the General Conditions of the Contract.
 - 2. For a minimum period of one year from the date of final acceptance.
 - 3. For the extended warranty period specified in a specific Section under this Division.
- B. Where a specific product carries a longer warranty as a standard offering of its manufacturer, extended warranty coverage beyond these requirements shall be retained by the Owner. The Owner will have recourse back to the manufacturer only in these cases, when the warranty as specified in A above has expired.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FURNISHED IN DIVISIONS 26, 27 AND 28

- A. Materials furnished and installed in permanent construction shall be new, full-weight, standard in every way, and in first class condition.
- B. Materials shall conform to the standards of an organization acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of labeled equipment or materials and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner. Only materials designed for the purpose employed shall be used.
- C. Materials shall be identical with apparatus or equipment that has been in successful operation for at least two years. Materials of similar class or service shall be of one manufacturer.
- D. Capacities, sizes, and dimensions given are minimums unless otherwise indicated. Systems, materials and equipment proposed for use on this project shall be subject to review for adequacy and compliance with Contract Documents.

2.2 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FURNISHED IN OTHER DIVISIONS

- A. Controls, including conduit, wiring, and control devices required for the operation of systems furnished in other Divisions shall be provided complete under the Division of the Specifications in which the equipment is specified, unless otherwise noted or specified.
- B. Work on the project that falls under the jurisdiction of the electrical trade shall be performed by Licensed Electricians in conformance with the electrical specifications.
- C. Provide complete power connections to equipment including but not limited to feeders, connections, disconnects and motor running overcurrent protection. Where starters are provided

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as part of packaged equipment, overcurrent heaters shall be provided under Divisions 26, 27 and 28.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 COORDINATION WITH ROOM NUMBERING

- A. Certain systems provided under this Division rely on identification systems that are based on room names or numbers. Systems labeled in this fashion include, but are not limited to, panelboards, circuit directories, communication and data systems identifiers, fire alarm systems, etc.
- B. The numbering scheme indicated in these Contract Documents is based on room numbers assigned during the design process. The Owner reserves the right to change the numbers prior to substantial completion, and the final names and numbers will not necessarily match those found in the Documents. Obtain from the Owner the final room numbers prior to commencing the numbering of Divisions 26, 27 and 28 systems. Tag and label all system circuits and devices in accordance with the final numbering scheme at no additional cost.

3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Skilled craftsmen shall install materials and equipment. The norms for execution of the work shall be in conformity with NEC Chapter 3 and the National Electrical Contractors' Association "National Electrical Installation Standards", which herewith is made part of these specifications.
- B. Repair surfaces and furnish all required material and labor to maintain fireproof, airtight and waterproof characteristics of the construction.
- C. Installation of equipment shall be in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

3.3 MULTIWIRE BRANCH CIRCUITS

- A. Multiwire branch circuits shall not be used on this project. Each branch circuit shall be provided with its own dedicated neutral conductor.

3.4 MOUNTING HEIGHTS

- A. Mounting height shall be to center of box above finished floor (AFF) as noted below unless otherwise shown or indicated. Other mounting heights are indicated on the Drawings by detail. Specific dimensions AFF are shown adjacent to the symbol. Where devices are shown on architectural elevations, the elevation height shall govern.

Lighting switches	44 inches
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Convenience outlets and similar devices	18 inches (see note below)
Convenience outlets in mechanical, boiler rooms and workrooms	44 inches
Motor controllers	60 inches to top
Panelboards	76 inches to top
Exterior WP convenience outlets	24 inches AFG
Telecommunications (Data/Telephone) outlets	18 inches (see note below)
Wall mounted audible and/or visual appliances such as bells, horns, strobes and similar signal devices	90 inches (or 6 inches below ceiling height for ceiling heights less than 96 inches)
Manual fire alarm box	44 inches
Security Card Reader	44 inches to center

- B. NOTE: In locations where baseboard-heating enclosures are to be installed, outlet-mounting height shall be raised to 6 inches above top of enclosure unless otherwise noted on drawings.

3.5 CUTTING & PATCHING

- A. Obtain written permission of the Contracting Agency before cutting or piercing structural members.
- B. Wall and floor penetrations shall be in accordance with Section 260529 - Hangers and Supports.
- C. Holes through existing concrete shall be core drilled. X-ray concrete before core drilling. Do not cut rebar without specific authorization from the Contracting Agency. Seal openings with UL Listed fire resistant resilient sealant.

3.6 VAPOR RETARDER/BARRIER PENETRATIONS

- A. Provide solid blocking installed flat at all vapor retarder penetrations. Provide flat blocking at the interior face of the exterior stud wall. Blocking shall be a minimum of 4 inches larger than the penetration. Locate the penetration at the centerline of the flat blocking. Secure vapor retarder to blocking.
- B. Seal the interior of raceways penetrating the vapor retarder inside the building. Between point of sealing inside of raceway (typically at junction box or conduit) and vapor retarder penetration, seal conduit joints (connectors and couplings) with vapor retarder tape, paint on sealer or approved means acceptable to Contracting Agency.
- C. To reduce thermal transfer and ensure sealing of raceway, PVC or equivalent conduit shall be used where penetrations of building envelope are made above ground where installation of PVC is allowed by NEC.

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- D. Penetrations of the building vapor retarder/barrier caused by the electrical installation shall be minimized, and where they are required, the opening in the vapor retarder/barrier shall be cut smaller than the penetrating object, so that the penetration will be a stretch fit. The penetration shall then be securely sealed with vapor barrier tape or an adhesive or caulk compatible with the surfaces being sealed.
- E. Boxes (electrical boxes, outlet boxes and telecommunication boxes, etc) penetrating walls with vapor retarder/barriers shall be sealed airtight using STI Series SSP Firestop Putty Pads. Mold putty pads around electrical junction boxes and conduits and behind vapor retarder/barrier to form an airtight seal in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions.

3.7 FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION

- A. Provide "tenting" or other protection acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction for devices or fixtures installed in fire resistive construction (i.e., ceilings, walls, etc.) to maintain the fire resistive rating of the complete assembly.
- B. Where electrical raceways or other features penetrate fire rated building surfaces, they shall maintain the integrity of the building surface being penetrated. This shall be accomplished with either of the following methods:
 - 1. Sealing the penetration with an approved fire rated caulk or putty.
 - a. Fire rated caulk or putty: 3M Fire Barrier Caulk No. CP25, 3M Fire Barrier Moldable Putty, or as approved.
 - 2. A fire rated assembly enclosing the penetration.
 - a. Fire rated assembly: STI EZ Path, or as approved.
 - 3. Firestopping shall be applied according to the manufacturer's recommendations, and in a manner that is listed by a nationally recognized independent testing agency (such as UL) as preserving the fire time rating of the construction.

3.8 SOUND ISOLATION

- A. Where electrical raceways or other features penetrate walls that extend to structure, they shall maintain the integrity of the building surface being penetrated. Refer to the requirements of FIRESTOPPING as specified above. Note that this requirement exists regardless of whether the building surface being penetrated has a fire rating.
- B. Boxes (electrical boxes, outlet boxes and telecommunication boxes, etc) penetrating wall types that extend to structure or that contain batts shall be sealed airtight using STI Series SSP Firestop Putty Pads to reduce sound transmission. Mold putty pads around electrical junction boxes and conduits to form an airtight seal in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions.

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3.9 PROTECTIVE FINISHES

- A. Take care not to scratch or deface factory finish of electrical apparatus and devices. Repaint all marred or scratched surfaces.
- B. Provide hot dip galvanized components for ferrous materials exposed to the weather.

3.10 SEPARATION OF SYSTEMS

- A. Conductors and equipment of different voltage levels, frequency, current characteristics (AC & DC) or functions (normal vs. emergency, etc.) shall not share the same raceways or enclosures unless specifically shown on the Drawings or approved by the Contracting Agency, or inherently necessary for correct system function (i.e., at transfer switches, transformers, etc.)

3.11 TESTING

- A. Prior to final test, switches, panelboards, devices and fixtures shall be in place.
- B. Test electrical systems. They shall be free from short circuits and unintentional grounds.
- C. Make changes necessary to balance the actual electrical loads on the complete system. Arrange for balanced conditions of circuits under connected load demands, as contemplated by the normal working conditions. Final load and balance test shall be demonstrated in the presence of the Contracting Agency.
- D. Feeder cables and branch circuit cables larger than #4 AWG shall be megger tested prior to final termination. If conductor fails test, replace wiring or correct defect and retest. Perform a 1,000 volt megohm meter test between the following circuit cables in each raceway:
 - 1. A phase and B phase conductors
 - 2. A phase and C phase conductors
 - 3. B phase and C phase conductors
 - 4. A phase and Grounded (Neutral) conductors
 - 5. B phase and Grounded (Neutral) conductors
 - 6. C phase and Grounded (Neutral) conductors
 - 7. A phase and Equipment Grounding conductors
 - 8. B phase and Equipment Grounding conductors
 - 9. C phase and Equipment Grounding conductors
 - 10. Grounded (Neutral) and Equipment Grounding conductors
- E. Feeder cables shall be megger tested prior to final termination. If conductor fails test, replace wiring or correct defect and retest. Perform a 1,000 volt megohm meter test on each circuit cable rated 600 volts between the conductor and ground. Submit logs of megger readings. The insulation resistance between conductors shall not be less than 100 Megohms.
- F. Furnish one (1) copy of certified test results to the Contracting Agency prior to final inspection.

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3.12 STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Items shall be delivered and stored in original containers, which shall indicate manufacturer's name, the brand, and the identifying number. Items subject to moisture and/or thermal damage shall be stored in a dry, heated place. Items shall be covered and protected against dirt, water, chemical, ultraviolet (UV) and/or mechanical damage.

3.13 PROTECTION OF MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for materials and equipment to be installed under this Contract. The Contractor shall make good at his own cost any injury or damage which said materials or equipment may sustain from any source or cause whatsoever before final acceptance.
- B. Cover and protect electrical equipment during construction from dust, dirt, debris, overspray, or other construction contaminants.

3.14 CLEANING AND REPAIR

- A. Throughout the work, the Contractor shall keep the work area reasonably neat and orderly by frequent periodic cleanups.
- B. Prior to substantial completion, clean equipment and systems used during construction.
- C. Repair surfaces damaged or impacted by the work. Restore to original condition or better. Retexture surfaces to match surrounding surfaces. Repaint affected surfaces, with extent of paint to include adjacent surfaces to next wall or other clean break to avoid mismatched finish.
- D. As independent parts of the installation are completed, they may be tested and utilized during construction.

3.15 ACCESS DOORS

- A. Provide access doors required for access to equipment provided under Divisions 26, 27 and 28. Doors shall be rated for the surrounding construction. Use of access doors shall be minimized, and all locations and cosmetic features shall be submitted for approval in advance.
- B. Equipment likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while energized (e.g. VAV controllers, electric duct heaters, etc.): Access doors provided for limited access working space shall comply with NEC 110.26(A)(4) and the following:
 - 1. Access doors shall have a minimum dimension of 22" x 30".
 - 2. Access doors shall be located so that working width and depth to front of enclosure is maximized.
- C. Doors shall be finished to match surrounding surfaces as approved by the Contracting Agency.

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3.16 DEMOLITION

- A. Examination Prior to Bid: Drawings involving existing conditions are based on building record drawings and/or limited field observation. Conduct a site inspection prior to submission of Bid to become thoroughly familiarized with the Scope of Work. Report discrepancies to Contracting Agency. Submission of bid certifies acceptance of existing conditions.
- B. Examination Prior to Start of Demolition: Conduct a thorough site inspection before disturbing existing installation. Verify field measurements and circuiting arrangements. Verify that abandoned wiring and equipment serve only abandoned facilities. Beginning of demolition certifies acceptance of existing conditions.
- C. Preparation:
 - 1. Disconnect electrical systems in walls, floors, ceilings, etc., scheduled for removal.
 - 2. Coordinate utility service outages with utility companies and Contracting Agency.
 - 3. Provide temporary wiring and connections to maintain existing systems in service during construction. When work must be performed on energized equipment or circuits, use personnel experienced in such operations.
 - 4. Existing Electrical Service: Maintain existing systems in service until new systems are complete and ready for service. Disable system only to make switchovers and connections. Obtain permission from Owner at least 72 hours before partially or completely disabling system. Contractor shall not be entitled to any additional compensation due to inability of Owner to grant an outage at the desired time. Minimize outage duration. Make temporary connections to maintain service in areas adjacent to work area.
 - 5. Existing Fire Alarm System: Maintain existing system in service until new system is accepted. Disable system only to make switchovers and connections. Notify Owner and applicable Fire Department Authorities at least 72 hours before partially or completely disabling system. Minimize outage duration. Make temporary connections to maintain service in areas adjacent to work area.
- D. Demolition of Existing Electrical Work:
 - 1. Remove, relocate, and extend existing installations to accommodate new construction.
 - 2. Remove abandoned wiring to source of supply.
 - 3. Remove exposed abandoned conduit, including abandoned conduit above accessible ceiling finishes. Cut concealed conduit flush with walls and floors, and patch surfaces.
 - 4. Disconnect abandoned outlets and remove devices. Remove abandoned outlets if conduit servicing them is abandoned and removed. Provide blank cover for abandoned outlets, which are not removed. In finished areas, blank covers shall be blank plates matching the device plates specified for new work, unless otherwise noted or specified.
 - 5. Disconnect and remove abandoned panelboards and distribution equipment.
 - 6. Disconnect and remove electrical devices and equipment serving utilization equipment that has been removed.
 - 7. Disconnect and remove abandoned light fixtures. Remove brackets, stems, hangers, and other accessories.
 - 8. Repair adjacent construction and finishes damaged during demolition and extension work.
 - 9. Maintain access to existing electrical installations that remain active. Modify installation or provide access panels as appropriate.

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10. Restore circuits and systems to remain that are affected in any way by demolition Work, such as loads downstream of demolished equipment, switched lighting circuits where selected fixtures are demolished, etc.
11. Salvage or disposal of removed items shall be as noted on the Drawings or as directed by the Contracting Agency. Items, which the Owner does not desire to retain, shall be disposed of at a legal disposal site.

E. Cleaning and Repair:

1. Clean and repair existing materials and equipment that remain or are to be reused or are affected by this work.
2. Panelboards: Clean exposed surfaces and interior of cabinet and retorque electrical connections. Provide closure plates for vacant positions. Provide typed circuit directory showing revised circuiting arrangement.
3. Light Fixtures: Remove existing light fixtures for cleaning. Use mild detergent to clean exterior and interior surfaces; rinse with clean water and wipe dry

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