Division 26: GENERAL ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All requirements under Division 01 and the general and supplementary conditions of these specifications apply to this section and division. Where the requirements of this section and division exceed those of Division 01, this section and division take precedence. Become thoroughly familiar with all its contents as to requirements that affect this division, section, or both. Work required under this division includes all material, equipment, appliances, transportation, services, and labor required to complete the entire system as required by the drawings and specifications, or reasonably inferred to be necessary to facilitate the function of each system as implied by the design and the equipment specified.

The specifications and drawings for the project are complementary, and any portion of work described in one shall be provided as if described in both. In the event of discrepancies, notify the Engineer and request clarification prior to proceeding with the Work involved.

Drawings are graphic representations of the work upon which the contract is based. They show the materials and their relationship to one another, including sizes, shapes, locations, and connections. They convey the scope of work, indicating the intended general arrangement of the systems without showing all of the exact details as to elevations, offsets, control lines, and other installation requirements. Use the drawings as a guide when laying out the work and to verify that materials and equipment will fit into the designated spaces, and which when installed per manufacturers' requirements, will secure a complete, coordinated, satisfactory, and properly operating system.

B. DEFINITIONS

Division: References contained in this specification follow the numbering system defined in the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) MasterFormat 2004 Edition. Specification Divisions 01 through 19 provided with this project may reference the CSI MasterFormat 1995 Edition. The corresponding division references between the 2004 Edition and 1995 Edition are as follows:

2004 Edition	1995 Edition	
1.	Fire Suppression	Division 16
2.	Division 22 - Plumbing	Division 15
3.	Division 23 - HVAC	Division 15
4.	Division 26 - Electrical	Division 16
5.	Division 27 - Communications	Division 16
6.	Division 28 - Electronic Safety and Security	Division 16

Furnish: "to supply and deliver to the project site, ready for unloading, unpacking, assembling, installing, and similar operations."

Install: "to perform all operations at the project site including, but not limited to, the actual unloading, unpacking, assembling, erecting, placing, anchoring, applying, working to dimension, finishing, curing, protecting, cleaning, testing, commissioning, starting up and similar operations, complete, and ready for the intended use."

Provide: "to furnish and install."

Furnished by Owner (or Owner-Furnished) or Furnished by Others: "an item furnished by the Owner or under other division or contracts, and installed under the requirements of this division, complete, and ready for the intended use, including all connections, services incidental to the work necessary for proper installation and operation. Include the installation under the warranty required by this division.

Engineer: Where referenced in this Division, "Engineer" is the Engineer of Record and the Design Professional for the work under this division, and is a consultant to, and an authorized representative of the Architect, as defined in the General and/or Supplementary Conditions. When used in this division, Engineer has been retained and employed independently and obligations to the Engineer, in addition to involvement by and obligations to the Architect.

AHJ: - The local code and/or inspection agency (Authority) having Jurisdiction over the Work.

NRTL: - Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory, as defined and listed by OSHA in 29 CFR 1910.7 (e.g., UL, ETL, CSA), and acceptable to the AHJ over this project. Nationally recognized testing laboratories and standards listed are used only to represent the characteristics required and are not intended to restrict the use of other NRTLs that are acceptable to the AHJ and standards that meet the specified criteria.

Homerun: That portion of an electrical circuit originating at a junction box, receptacle box, receptacle, or switch with termination at an electrical panelboard. Note: Where MC cable is utilized for receptacle and/or lighting branch circuiting runs, the originating point of the homerun shall be at the first load in the circuit or at a junction box located in an accessible ceiling space as close as possible to the first load.

The terms "approved equal", "equivalent", or "equal" are used synonymously and shall mean "accepted by or acceptable to the Engineer as equivalent to the item or manufacturer". The term "approved" shall mean labeled, listed, certified, or all three, by an NRTL, and acceptable to the AHJ over this project.

C. PRE-BID SITE VISIT

Prior to submitting bid, visit the site of the proposed work and become fully informed as to the conditions under which the work is to be done. Failure to comply with this requirement shall not be considered sufficient justification to request or obtain extra compensation over and above the contract price.

D. MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP

Provide new material, equipment, and apparatus under this contract unless otherwise listed herein, of best quality normally used for the purpose in good commercial practice, and free from defects. Made numbers listed in the specifications or shown on the drawings are not necessarily intended to designate the required trim, written descriptions at the trim govern model numbers.

Provide moldings or a nonoptical fin of material and equipment identifying the manufacturer and providing sufficient reference to exhibition quality, date, and capacity. All workmanship shall be of the finest possible by experienced mechanics of the proper trade. In general, provide the following quality grade(s) for all materials and equipment:

Commercial specification grade.

Provide all hatch, scaffolds, staging, runways, tools, machinery, and equipment required for the performance of the electrical work. Store and maintain material and equipment in clean condition, and protected from weather, moisture, and physical damage.

Furnish only material and equipment that are listed, labeled, certified, or all three, by an NRTL whenever any listing or labeling exists for the types of material and equipment specified.

At a minimum, general work practices for electrical construction shall be in accordance with NECA 1 (latest edition), "Standard Practices for Good Workmanship in Electrical Construction."

E. MANUFACTURERS

In other whose names lists of manufacturers are introduced, subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the manufacturers specified.

Where a list is provided, manufacturers are listed alphabetically and not in accordance with any ranking or preference.

Where manufacturers are not listed, provide products subject to compliance with requirements from manufacturers that have been actively involved in manufacturing the specified product for no less than 5 years.

F. COORDINATION

Coordinate all work with other divisions and trades so that various components of the systems are installed at the proper time, fit the available space, and allow proper service access to those items requiring maintenance. Components which are installed without regard to this above shall be relocated at no additional cost to the Owner.

Unless otherwise indicated, the General Contractor shall provide sleeves and openings in building construction required for installation of the systems specified herein. Contractor shall furnish the General Contractor with information where sleeves and openings are required. Contractor shall keep informed as to the work of other trades engaged in the construction of the project and shall execute work in a manner so to not interfere with or delay the work of other trades.

Figured dimensions shall be taken in preference to scale dimensions. Contractor shall take his own measurements at the building, as variations may occur. Contractor shall be held responsible for errors that could have been avoided by proper checking and inspection.

Provide materials with trim that will properly fit the types of ceiling, wall, or floor finishes actually installed. Model numbers listed in the specifications or shown on the drawings are not intended to designate the required trim.

Make all offsets required to clear equipment, beams, and other structural members, and to facilitate concealing raceways in the manner anticipated in the design. Provide materials with trim that will fit properly the types of ceiling, wall, or floor finishes actually installed.

G. ORDINANCES AND CODES

Work performed under this contract shall, at a minimum, be in conformance with applicable national, state, and local codes having jurisdiction. Equipment furnished and associated installation work performed under this contract shall be in strict compliance with current applicable codes adopted by the local AHJ, including any amendments and standards as set forth by the following:

1. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
2. Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
3. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
4. American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
5. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
6. Rules and regulations of public utilities and municipal departments affected by connection of services.
7. Other national standards and codes where applicable.

Where the contract documents exceed the requirements of the referenced codes, standards, etc., the contract documents shall take precedence. Where conflicts between various codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations exist, comply with the most stringent.

Promptly bring all conflicts observed between codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, referenced standards, and these documents to the attention of the Architect and Engineer for resolution. Contractor will be held responsible for any violation of the law.

Procure and pay for permits and licenses required for the accomplishment of the work herein described. Where required, often, pay for, and furnish certificates of inspection to Owner. Provide all safety lights, guards, and warning signs required for the performance of the work and for the safety of the public.

H. PROTECTION OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Store and protect from damage equipment and materials delivered to job site. For materials and equipment susceptible to changing weather conditions, dampness, or temperature variations, store inside in conditioned spaces. For materials and equipment not susceptible to these conditions, cover with waterproof, tear-resistant, heavy tarp or polyethylene plastic as required to protect from planter, dirt, paint, water, or physical damage. Equipment and materials damaged by construction activities shall be repaired, and Contractor shall furnish new equipment and material of a like kind at his own expense.

Keep perimeter broom clean of foreign material created during work performed under this contract. Conduct, equipment, etc. shall have a neat and clean appearance at the termination of the work.

Plug or cap open ends of conduits while stored and installed during construction when not in use to prevent the entrance of debris into the systems.

I. SUBSTITUTIONS

The base bid shall include only the products from manufacturers specifically named in the drawings and specifications. No substitution will be considered prior to receipt of bids unless written request for approval to bid has been received by the Engineer at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the date for receipt of bids. Each such request shall include the name of the material or equipment for which substitution is being requested and a complete description of the proposed substitution including drawings, cut sheets, performance and test data, and all other information necessary for an evaluation. Include a statement setting forth changes in other materials, equipment, or other work that incorporation of the substitution would require. The burden of proof of the merit of the proposed substitution is upon the proposer. The Engineer's decision to approve or disapprove a substitution in a bid is final.

Coordinate all work with other trades whether or not the substituted equipment can be installed as shown on the contract drawings without modification to associated systems or architectural or engineering design. Include additional cost for such modifications and engineering design fees in bid if drawing modifications are required because of substituted equipment.

If the proposed substitution is approved prior to receipt of bids, such approval will be stated in an addendum. Bidders shall not rely upon approvals made in any other way. Verbal approval will not be given. No substitutions will be considered after the contract has been awarded unless specifically provided in the contract documents.

The terms "approved", "approved equal", and "equal" refer to approval by the Engineer as an acceptable alternate bid. No substitutions will be considered/will are not bid as an alternate. No material substitutions shall be considered for approval prior to award of contract.

Provide factory generated point-by-point calculations for all exterior light fixtures (photometrics) as the engineer can generate a point-by-point do not suffice for this point-by-point calculations). Provide with submittals for approval of the distortion of the engineer.

J. SUBMITTALS

Assemble and submit for review all drawings, material lists, and other information required by the Contract to be furnished, and items requiring installation prior to the commencement of the installation under this contract. Submittals will be used as to demonstrate compliance with these specifications and the design intent of the drawings. Indicate by a stamp or other suitable means that the submittal is mutually coordinated and suitable for the intended use, or that available specified or certain manufacturer recommended variable deviations from the requirements of equipment and materials are clearly identified for review and verification, submit a shop drawing showing the proposed layout.

Transmit submittals at early stages of the project to allow sufficient time for review, coordination, procurement, and construction. Allow two weeks for Engineer review time, plus turbaround mailing time via the Architect. Submittals for first time submittals, if requested, will result in more sections required for resubmittal.

Submittals shall consist of project name, specification section number, and equipment identification. Include the acronym as used on the drawings. Submittals shall be identified by the first time submittal, or by the number of the resubmittal as required by the Engineer.

Submittals shall consist of [illegible] submittals. Where other than a single submittal is required, submit a complete list of all submittals to be made, including product information sheets, shop drawings, and other submittals required by this division. Highlight, mark, list, or otherwise indicate on each submittal sheet the exact item, model, size, and other options being proposed. General product catalog data not specifically applicable to the project will be considered unresponsive and may be returned without review.

Submittal shop drawings shall include dimensioned plans, elevations, sections, roughing-in dimensions, and details showing the item, logo, the seal, or signature of the professional engineer responsible for preparation of the drawing. Where items or information is being proposed for deviation from the requirements of the contract documents, highlight, mark, list, or otherwise indicate on each submittal sheet the exact item, model, size, and other options being proposed. General product catalog data not specifically applicable to the project will be considered unresponsive and may be returned without review.

Separate submittals according to individual specification sections. Illegible submittals will be rejected and returned without review. Clearly identify each item by brand, identified, indicated and listed in the submittal. Each item or model number shall be clearly identified. Submittals shall be complete with respect to quantities, dimensions, performed data, and material and equipment descriptions sufficient to evaluate the adequacy and suitability of the proposed item. Submittals for capacities, sizes, weights, materials, finishes, wiring diagrams, electrical requirements, and dimensions from specified equipment or materials. Mark out inapplicable items. Shop drawings will be returned without review if the above mentioned requirements are not met.

Provide the quantity of submittals required by Division 01. If not indicated and hard-copy sets are provided, submit a minimum of six (6) copies. Refer to Division 01 for acceptance of electronic submittals for this project. For electronic submittals, Contractor shall submit the documents in accordance with the procedures specified in Division 01. Contractor shall verify the Architect and Engineer that the submittals have been posted. If electronic submittal procedures are not defined in Division 01, Contractor shall include the website, user name, and password information needed to access the submittals. For submittals sent by e-mail, Contractor shall copy the designated representatives of the Architect and Engineer. Contractor shall allow for the Engineer review time as specified above in the construction schedule. Contractor shall submit only the documents required to purchase the materials and/or equipment in the submittal.

The checking and subsequent acceptance of submittals by the Engineer and/or Architect shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for deviations from the drawings and specifications, errors in dimensions, dates, sizes of equipment, or quantities, omissions of documents or fittings, coordination of electrical requirements, and not coordinating items with actual building conditions and adjacent work. Contractor shall request and receive written acceptance from the Engineer and Architect prior to implementing any deviation.

K. ELECTRONIC DRAWING FILES

In preparation of shop drawings or record drawings, Contractor may, at his option, obtain electronic drawing files in AutoCAD or DXF format on CD-ROM disk, DVD disk, flash drive, or direct downloads, as derived from the Engineer for a shipping and handling fee of $200 for a drawing set up to 12 sheets and $100 per sheet for each additional sheet. Contact the Architect for written authorization and Engineer for the necessary agreement form and to specify shipping method and drawing format. In addition to payment, the written authorization from the Architect and release agreement form from the Engineer must be received before electronic drawing files will be sent.

L. RECORD DRAWINGS (AS-BUILT DRAWINGS)

During progress of the work in this division, Contractor shall maintain an accurate record of all changes made during the installation of the system. Upon completion of the work, accurately transfer all record information to three identical sets of the approved shop drawings. Insert one set into each copy of the manual described below.

See Division 01 and General Conditions for additional information.

M. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

During the course of construction, collect and compile a complete brochure of equipment furnished and installed on this project. Include operation and maintenance instructions, manufacturer's catalog sheets, wiring diagrams, parts lists, approved submittals and shop drawings, warranties, and descriptive literature as furnished by the equipment manufacturer. Include an index cover sheet that lists the project name, date, Owner, Architect, Engineer, General Contractor, Sub-Contractor, and an index of contents.

Submit three copies of literature bound in approved binders with index and later separating equipment type to the Architect, for Engineer's review, at the termination of the work. Paper clips, staples, rubber bands, transparent tape, and making erasure are not considered approved binders. Final approval of systems installed under this contract shall be withheld until this equipment brochure is received and deemed complete by the Architect and Engineer. Instruct workmen to save required literature shipped with the equipment itself for inclusion in this brochure.

Include Record Drawings as described above.

Refer to Division 01 for acceptance of electronic manuals for this project. For electronic manuals, refer to paragraph "Submittals" for requirements.

N. TRAINING

At a time mutually agreed upon between the Owner and Contractor, provide the services of a factory trained and authorized representative to train Owner's designated personnel on the operation and maintenance of the equipment provided for this project.

Provide training for a minimum of eight hours, but not to exceed two days, unless otherwise noted. Include a detailed agenda for each item of equipment or system, and a list of the date and time to be spent on each item. Submit agenda to Architect for review and approval at least 30 days prior to the start of training. Submit a qualification letter for the proposed trainer to the Architect at least 30 days prior to the start of training. Include the trainer's name, background information, and a list of similar installations at which the trainer has been employed.

Schedule training with Owner with at least 7 days advance notice.

O. WARRANTIES

Warrant each system and each element thereof against all defects due to faulty workmanship, design, or material for a period of 12 months from date of Substantial Completion, unless specific items are noted to carry a longer warranty in these construction documents or manufacturer's standard warranty exceeds 12 months. Provide all labor necessary with no charge to the owner(s) as stated in the General Conditions and Division 01.

Warranties shall include labor and material. Including travel expenses. Make repairs or replacements without any additional costs to the Owner, and to the satisfaction of the Owner, Architect, and Engineer.

Perform the remedial work promptly, upon written notice from the Engineer or Owner.

Area warrant the following additional items:

1. All coverings or tiles from obstructions, holes, crushing, or breaks of any nature.
2. All cleaning work are effective.
3. The entire electrical system is free from all short circuits and unwanted open circuits and grounds.

At the time of Substantial Completion, deliver to the Owner all warranties, in writing and properly executed, including item lists for warranties extending beyond the one year period and any actions the Owner must take in order to maintain warranty status. Each warranty document shall be addressed to the Owner and state the commencement date and term of coverage.

2. GENERAL MATERIALS AND INSTALLATION

A. BUILDING OPERATION

Comply with the schedule of operations as outlined in the architectural portions of this specification. Building shall be in operation at all times. Accomplish work requiring interruption of building operation at a time when the building is not in operation and only with written approval of building Owner and/or tenant. Coordinate all building operation with the Owner and/or tenant a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of work.

B. EXISTING EQUIPMENT REUSE AND REMOVAL

Provide all demolition of existing electrical systems and new electrical system modifications required because of building remodeling, as noted on the Drawings, or necessary for proper operation and new construction. Remove all abandoned cables and wiring and conduit above accessible ceilings and ventilation shafts.

Remove all existing wiring, light fixtures, exposed conduits, and other electrical installations not reused prior to substantial completion of the work.

Existing raceways may be reused if their points of terminations are suitable, if they are clean inside with no evidence of rust or burrs, if free from cracks, flattened sections, or dents, and if suitably located to avoid conflicts with other trades or installations. Carefully "fish" all existing conduits reused under this contract to remove all debris and obstructions, and swab until all moisture is removed.

Cut, patch, and repair where required for new electrical installations, and patch and repair all surface damage resulting from this work. Cut flush with the floor and plug at both ends raceways stubbed above the floor and not used at substantial completion of the work.

Relocate all existing electrical systems required to be in operation at substantial completion of the contract, if required, as a result of work included under this contract, even if not specifically indicated in drawings or specifications.

Existing service entrance conductors and feeder conductors may be reused if all of the following conditions are met:

1. Conductor insert is not exposed to the weather per the drawings
2. Conductor insulation is in good or better condition
3. Conductor insulation is the correct type for the conditions.

C. EXCAVATION AND BACKFILLING

Perform excavation and backfill required for installation of underground work under this contract. Trenches shall be of sufficient width, 0.6 or brace trenches to prevent cave-in or settlement. Do not excavate trenches close to columns and walls of new building without prior consultation with the Architect. Use pumping equipment if required to keep trenches free of water. Backfill trenches in maximum 8-inch layers of wet tamped dry earth in a manner to prevent future settlement.

Excavation as specified herein shall be classified as common excavation. Common excavation shall comprise the satisfactory removal and disposition of all material of whatever character that is encountered in the excavation, including, if any, within the limits of the work as specified and shown on the drawings. Excavation shall be performed to the lines and grades indicated on the drawings. Dispose of excavated materials not required or unsuitable for backfill, and surplus of excavated material, which is not required, from the site, at the satisfaction of the Engineer.

D. COINCIDENTAL DAMAGE

Repair streets, sidewalks, drives, paving, walls, finishes, and other facilities damaged in the course of this Work. Repair materials shall match existing construction. Repair work shall meet all requirements of the Owner, local authorities having jurisdiction, and meet the satisfaction of the Architect. Repair work shall be thoroughly first class.

E. CUTTING AND PATCHING

Conform to the requirements in Division 01. Cut rivets, floors, ceilings, and other portions of the facility as required to install work under this division. Obtain permission of the Architect prior to cutting. Do not cut or disturb structural members without prior approval from the Architect. Cut holes as small as possible. Patch walls, floors, and other portions of the facility as required to return under this division. Patching shall match the original material and construction including fire ratings, if applicable. Repair and refinish areas disturbed by work to the condition of adjoining surfaces in a manner satisfactory to the Architect.

F. ROUGH-IN

Coordinate without delay all roughing-in with other divisions. Conceal all conduit and raceways except in unfinished areas and where otherwise indicated on the drawings.

G. CONCRETE BASES

Provide concrete bases (e.g., housekeeping pads) for equipment where indicated on the drawings and as specified herein. Concrete bases shall have chamfered edges. Size of bases shall be a minimum of 4 inches greater than the footprint of the equipment that it is supporting and shall have a minimum height of 4-1/2 inches.

Construct equipment bases of a minimum 28-day, 4000-psi concrete conforming to American Concrete Institute Standard Building Code for Reinforced Concrete (ACI 318) and the latest applicable recommendations of the ACI standard practice manual. Concrete shall be comprised of cement conforming to ASTM C 150 Type I, aggregate conforming to ASTM C33, and potable water. Do not use exterior concrete shall contain 5 to 7 percent air entrainment.

Unless otherwise specified or shown on the structural drawings, reinforce equipment bases with No. 4 reinforcing bars conforming to ASTM A615or 6x6 - W2.9 x W2.9 welded wire fabric mesh conforming to ASTM A185. Place reinforcing bars 2-4 inches on center with a minimum of two bars each direction.

Provide galvanized anchor bolts for equipment placed on concrete bases or on concrete slabs. Anchor bolts size, number, and placement shall be as recommended by the manufacturer of the equipment.

H. SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Steel Slotted Support Systems (Slotted Channel): Comply with MFMA-3, factory-fabricated components for field assembly.

Fittings: Comply with MFMA-3.

Finishes:

1. Metallic Coatings: Hot-dipped galvanized after fabrication and applied coating to MFMA-3.
2. Nonmetallic Coatings: Manufacturer's standard PVC, polyurethane, or polyester coating applied according to MFMA-3.
3. Painted Coatings: Manufacturer's standard painted coating system according to MFMA-3.
4. Stainless Steel: Type 304, per ASTM A240.

Aluminum Slotted Support Systems (Slotted Channel): Comply with MFMA-3, factory-fabricated components for field assembly.

Fittings: Comply with MFMA-3, ERICO/Unistrut, Thomas and Betts, or Kindorf.

Fabricate supports of welded structural-steel shapes.

Field Fabrication:

Cut field cutting of [illegible] lengths of channel and other [illegible] materials. Do not use [illegible] to manufactured surfaces.

Touch up damaged [illegible] coated channel, fittings, and accessories [illegible] surfaces, or both, with an abrasive material (e.g., [illegible]) to remove [illegible] or similar [illegible] to remove [illegible] of metal.

For [illegible] in factory-applied [illegible] finish or [illegible] finishing compatible with the factory finish and as recommended by [illegible] manufacturer (e.g., manufacturer's touch-up paint [illegible] or cold-galvanizing compound, as applicable).

I. ACCESS DOORS

Provide access doors for all concealed [illegible] where indicated or as required, except where above lay-in ceilings. Access doors shall be adequately sized for the device served with a minimum size of 18 inches x 18 inches. Access door must be of the proper construction for the type of construction in which it is installed. Obtain Architect's approval of type, size, location and color before installation. Provide factory-fabricated and assembled units, complete with attachment devices and fasteners ready for installation, [illegible] hinges, flush screwdriver-operated cam lock, and anchor straps. Provide access doors manufactured by: Bar-Co, J.L. Industries, Milcor, Nystrom Building Products, Wade, or Zurn.

J. PENETRATIONS

Coordinate sleeve selection and application with selection and application of fire-stopping specified in Division 07 section "Through-Penetration Firestop Systems."

Roofs:

1. Coordinate all roof penetrations with Engineer, Owner, and as applicable, the roofing contractor providing a roof warranty.
2. Keep all raceway penetrations within mechanical equipment curbs wherever possible. Coordinate with Division 01
3. Flash and counterflash all openings through roof, and/or provide pre-fabricated molded seals compatible with the roof construction furnished, or as required by the Engineer, Owner, or roofing contractor. All roof penetrations shall be watertight at the termination of the work and shall not void any new or existing roof warranties.

Walls and Floors:

1. Steel Pipe Sleeves for Raceways and Cables: ASTM A53/A53M, Type E, Grade B, Schedule 40, galvanized steel, plain ends, and of length.
2. Cast-Iron Pipe Sleeves for Raceways and Cables: Cast of fabricated "wet pipe," equivalent to ductile-iron pressure pipe, with plain ends and integral water stop, unless otherwise indicated.
3. Sleeves for Rectangular Openings: Galvanized sheet steel with minimum 0.052-inch thickness and of length to suit application.

K. FIRESTOPPING

Sealants and accessories shall have fire-resistance ratings indicated, as established by testing identical assemblies in accordance with UL 2079 or ASTM E 814, or other NRTL acceptable to AHJ.

Manufacturers: Hilti, RectorSeal, Specified Technologies Inc., United States Gypsum Company, or 3M corp.

Through and Membrane Penetration Firestopping System Product Schedule: Provide UL listing, location, wall or floor rating, and installation drawing for each penetration fire stop system.

Where project conditions require modification to qualified testing and inspecting agency's illustrations for a particular firestopping condition, submit illustration, with modifications marked, approved by penetration firestopping manufacturer's fire-protection engineer as an engineering judgment or equivalent fire-resistance-rated assembly. Include qualifications data for testing agency.

L. EQUIPMENT FURNISHED BY OTHERS

Provide necessary equipment and accessories that are not provided by the equipment supplier or Owner to complete installation of equipment furnished by others in locations as indicated on the drawings, specified herein, or both. Equipment and accessories not provided by the equipment supplier may include, but not be limited to, flexible cords and plugs as required for proper operation of the complete system, in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

M. SYSTEM TESTING AND ADJUSTING

Adjust, align, and test all electrical equipment on this project provided under this division and all electrical equipment furnished by others for installation or wiring under this division for proper operation.

Test all systems and equipment according to the requirements in NETA ATS (latest edition) and all additional requirements specified in following sections.

Maintain the following on the project premises at all times: a true RMS reading voltmeter, a true RMS reading ammeter, and a megohmmeter insulation resistance tester. Provide test data readings as requested or as required by the Engineer.

N. EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

Provide equipment identification nameplates on all switchboards, panelboards, electrical equipment enclosures, access doors, transformers, disconnect switches, enclosed circuit breakers, motor starters, feeder devices in switchboards, distribution panelboards, and motor control centers.

Nameplates:

1. Engraved, laminated-plastic or metal-plate, laminated plastic , indicating the name of the equipment, load, or circuit as designated on the drawings and in the specifications.
2. Field-applied permanent epoxy adhesive, compatible with the equipment finish.
3. Self-adhering, permanent-adhesive labels.
4. Attached with stainless steel screws and hardware.

Attachment method shall be acceptable to the manufacturers of the equipment to which the nameplates are being applied.

Nameplate Color:

1. Black background with white letters for Normal Power.
2. Red background with white letters for Emergency Power.

Letter height: 3/8-inch minimum.

B. SYSTEM START UP

Perform the following prior to start up of the electrical systems:

1. Test all wiring for proper continuity and absence of unintended grounds.
2. Tighten connections for all power and terminals according to manufacturer's published torque-tightening values. If manufacturer's torque values are not indicated, use those specified in UL 486A and UL 486B.
3. Adjust taps on dry-type transformer for rated secondary voltage when the transformer is at minimum load.
4. Check and record building's service entrance voltage, grounding conditions, grounding resistance, and proper phasing.
5. Replace all burned out lamps and lamps exposed to temporary construction lighting in permanent light fixtures.
6. After all systems have been inspected and adjusted, confirm all operating features required by the drawings and specifications and make final adjustments as necessary.

END OF SECTION 26

Division 26: BASIC ELECTRICAL MATERIALS AND METHODS

1. RACEWAYS

A. METALLIC CONDUIT AND TUBING

Electrical Metallic Tubing, Couplings, and Fittings (EMT): ANSI C80.3, UL 797. Only steel products allowed. Reduced wall EMT is not allowed.

Flexible Metal Conduit (FMC): Zinc-coated steel or aluminum, UL 1. Reduced-wall FMC is not allowed.

Intermediate Metal Conduit (IMC): Hot-dip Galvanized Rigid Steel Conduit, ANSI C80.6, UL 1242

Liquidtight Flexible Metal Conduit (LFMC): Flexible steel conduit with PVC jacket, UL 360, fittings. NEMA FB 1.

Rigid Metal Conduit (RMC):

1. Hot-dip Galvanized Rigid Steel Conduit (GRC): ANSI C80.1, UL 6.
2. Rigid Aluminum Conduit (RAC): ANSI C80.5, UL 6A.
3. Plastic-Coated RMC, IMC, and RAC: Comply with NEMA RN 1, listed. Coating thickness of 0.04 inches minimum.

IMC and RMC Fittings: NEMA FB 1; compatible with conduit type and material; NRTL listed.

Manufacturers: AFC Cable, Airflex, Anamet Electrical, Electri-Flex, Indalex, Manhattan/CDT/Cable-Flex, O-G/Gedney, Republic Raceway, Triad, Thomas & Betts, Western Tube and Conduit, or Wheatland Tube.

B. NON-METALLIC CONDUIT AND TUBING

Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit (RNC): Schedule 40 PVC, 90 deg C rated, NEMA TC-2, UL 651

Fittings: NEMA TC-3, TC-6, UL 651, compatible with conduit/tubing type and material; NRTL listed.

Manufacturers: AFC Cable, American International, Anamet Electrical, Arnco, Carlon, Certainteed, Condux International, Electri-Flex Company, Lamson & Sessions, Manhattan/CDT/Cable-Flex, Prime Conduit, Raco, Spiralduct, Superflex Ltd, or Thomas and Betts.

2. RACEWAY INSTALLATION

A. GENERAL RACEWAY INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Install raceways parallel and perpendicular to building lines.

Install raceways to requirements of structure, to requirements of all other work on the project, and to clear all openings, depressions, pipes, ducts, reinforcing steel, and similar obstructions.

Install raceways set in forms for concrete structure in such a manner that installation will not affect the strength of the structure.

Except where approved in writing by the Engineer, install no raceway in a slab-on-grade. Locate raceway below granular fill below slabs-on-grade.

Install raceways continuous between connection to outlets, boxes, and cabinets with a minimum possible number of bends and not more than the equivalent of four 90-degree bends between connections. Use manufactured elbows for all 45- and 90-degree bends, except where approved by the Engineer in writing for bends, and if suitably located to avoid conflicts with other trades or installations. Carefully "fish" all existing conduits reused under this contract to remove all debris and obstructions, and swab until all moisture is removed.

Cut, patch, and repair where required for new electrical installations, and patch and repair all surface damage resulting from this work. Cut flush with the floor and plug at both ends raceways stubbed above the floor and not used at substantial completion of the work.

Relocate all existing electrical systems required to be in operation at substantial completion of the contract, if required, as a result of work included under this contract, even if not specifically indicated in drawings or specifications.

Existing service entrance conductors and feeder conductors may be reused if all of the following conditions are met:

1. Conductor insert is not exposed to the weather per the drawings
2. Conductor insulation is in good or better condition
3. Conductor insulation is the correct type for the conditions.

B. EXCAVATION AND BACKFILLING

Perform excavation and backfill required for installation of underground work under this contract. Trenches shall be of sufficient width, 0.6 or brace trenches to prevent cave-in or settlement. Do not excavate trenches close to columns and walls of new building without prior consultation with the Architect. Use pumping equipment if required to keep trenches free of water. Backfill trenches in maximum 8-inch layers of wet tamped dry earth in a manner to prevent future settlement.

Excavation as specified herein shall be classified as common excavation. Common excavation shall comprise the satisfactory removal and disposition of all material of whatever character that is encountered in the excavation, including, if any, within the limits of the work as specified and shown on the drawings. Excavation shall be performed to the lines and grades indicated on the drawings. Dispose of excavated materials not required or unsuitable for backfill, and surplus of excavated material, which is not required, from the site, at the satisfaction of the Engineer.

C. UNDERGROUND RACEWAY USE:

Install all circular raceways concealed above suspended ceilings or concealed in walls or floors where indicated, except where otherwise indicated. Provide GRS for all conduits exposed to weather or other hazardous conditions.

Unless noted otherwise, all other raceways may be exposed where approved by local code. Use compression type fittings with all fittings NRTL listed for the application in which it is installed. Unless noted otherwise, set screw type fittings are not allowed.

C. UNDERGROUND RACEWAY USE:

Provide GRS conduit for all underground installations. Coat all threads with an approved conductive compound or approved mastic coating. This shall include the fittings and the threaded ends and hubs of all conduits that project from the ground.

D. EQUIPMENT CONNECTIONS

Use FMC or LFMC in connection to motor, transformer, and any equipment that would otherwise transmit motion, vibration, or noise. Use LFMC in damp locations. Provide a green insulated grounding conductor in all FMC and LFMC conduits. Provide all FMC and LFMC with approved insulated bonding bushings.

Use only listed raceways for wiring from fixed to flexible raceways.

3. BOXES, FITTINGS, AND ALLOCATIONS

Rigidly fasten all boxes and enclosures to the building structure to the entire satisfaction of the Architect. Use a bushing and locknut on the inside and a locknut or an approved threaded hub on the outside of all boxes for the enclosure openings.

Provide bushings for all conduits 1-1/4 inches and larger.

Where EMT enters boxes, use EMT compression connectors.

Use insulated, grounding, or combination bushings wherever connection is subject to vibration or moisture, when required by NFPA 70, or as indicated.

4. CONDUCTORS AND CABLES

Annealed (soft) copper complying with ICEA S-95-658/NEMA WC70 and UL standards 44 or 83 as applicable .

Where aluminum conductors terminate existing panelboards , switchboards or switchgear that utilize compression connections use hydraulic-compression type connection with a strip bands, anti_oxidizing compound. Use compression tools of the type that will not weaken or damage the connectors that are supplied.

Conductor Insulation Type: 90-degree C-rated, Type THWN/THWN-2 or XHHW-2 complying with ICEA S-95-658/NEMA WC70.

Sizes of conductors and cables indicated or specified are in American Wire Gage (AWG - Brown and Sharpe).

All feeder and branch circuit conductors No. 8 AWG and larger: Stranded.

All conductors, No. 10 AWG and smaller: Solid copper.

All Branch Circuit Wiring: Not smaller than No. 12 AWG. If no conductor size is indicated on the Drawings for a branch circuit, provide conductors and conduit sized per NFPA 70 and based on the indicated branch circuit overcurrent protective device (OCPD) rating and number of poles. Where no circuit size (i.e., conductors and OCPD) is indicated on the Drawings for a branch circuit, provide three No. 12 AWG conductors, in 3/4-inch raceway, and a 20A circuit breaker.

Control Wiring: Stranded copper conductors, 600V insulation, of the proper type, size, and number as required to accomplish specified function. Minimum size: No. 14 AWG, unless noted otherwise.

Flexible Cords and Cables: Stranded copper conductors for all, unless noted otherwise.

Special Purpose Conductors and Cables: Such as Low Voltage Control And Shielded Instrument Wiring: As recommended by the system equipment manufacturer unless indicated otherwise.

Copper Conductor Manufacturers: Advances Wire and Cable, AFC Cable, Alan Wire, Alflex, American Insulated Wire, Encore Wire, Northern Cables, Okonite, or Southwire.

Connections: Apply a zinc based anti_oxidizing compound to connections. Do not use terminals on wiring devices to feed through to the next device.

5. CONDUCTORS AND CABLES INSTALLATION

Install all wiring in approved raceway and enclosures, except where specified or indicated for direct-buried cables, or where type MC cable is indicated or specified as acceptable.

Install all conductors and cables in raceways continuous without taps or splices. Splice or tap only in approved boxes and enclosures with approved installers connectors, or crimp connector and terminal blocks for control wiring, and keep to the minimum required. Insulate all splices, taps, and joints as required by codes.

All materials used to terminate, splice, or tap conductors: designed for, properly sized for, and NRTL listed for the specific application and conditions involved, and installed in strict accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, using the manufacturer's recommended tools.

Where wiring is indicated as installed, but the connection is indicated "FUTURE" or "BY OTHER DIVISION, TRADES, OR CONTRACTS", leave a minimum 24-inch "Pigtail" at the box, tape the ends of the conductors, and cover the box.

In general, the direction of branch circuit "home run" routing is indicated on the drawings, complete with circuit numbers and panelboard designation. Continue all such "home run" wiring to the designated panelboard, as though "circuit runs" were indicated in their entirety.

Common or shared neutrals are not allowed unless shown on the drawings to be used or specifically noted to be allowed.

Where multi-wire branch circuits (i.e., shared neutrals) are allowed, they shall be provided with a means that will simultaneously disconnect all ungrounded conductors at the point the branch circuit originates. Multi-pole breaker or 3 single-pole breakers with a handle tie are two examples.

Wiring Devices: Unless noted otherwise, devices shall be commercial grade and rated for 20A. Wiring device manufacturers: Cooper, Hubbell, Legrand, or Leviton.

Floor Boxes: UL 514A listed for wet-location service. Cast-iron style - Wiremold, Class 1, and fully adjustable cast iron box. For slab-above grade - Concrete-tight, fully adjustable, stamped galvanized steel box. Floor box styles, quantity of gangs, type and quantity of devices, finish, and flange type per drawings. Floor box manufacturers: Hubbell, Legrand, Thomas and Betts, or Walker.

13. SWITCH AND OUTLET COVER PLATES

Switch and Outlet Plates: Colored, smooth nylon, by the same manufacturer as the wiring devices, wherever possible. Verify desired materials and colors with Architect before installation. Switch plates in unfinished rooms and spaces: Stamped steel, cadmium plated. Install gangs of switches under one gang-type plate, visually horizontally, or, where required by detail, vertically. Set all cover plates plumb, parallel, and level to the building lines.

14. WEATHERPROOF COVER PLATES

Provide GFCI receptacles for designated weatherproof receptacle, unless indicated otherwise on the drawings .

Unattended Exterior, Wet Locations or Other Locations as indicated: In-use, NEMA 3R, recessed or flush mount, NRTL labeled gasket molded from a clear, high impact weather-resistant plastic.