SECTION 16100 – ELECTRICAL WORK

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

A. This section specifies the general electrical requirements for all labor, materials, equipment, and services provided under DIVISION 16 - ELECTRICAL.

1.02 RELATED WORK

A. SECTION 16011 - GENERAL ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS applies to this section with additions and modifications specified herein.

1.03 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

A. The publications listed herein form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications may be referred to in the text by the basic designation only. Unless otherwise indicated, the most recent edition of the publication with current revisions and amendments will be enforced.

1.04 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with SECTION 01330 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES.
- B. Submit shop drawings and catalog cuts of the following equipment for approval. Each submittal shall be prepared with a summary sheet attached to each copy identifying all items included in the submittal. Incomplete submittals and those without summary sheets will be returned without review.
- C. Manufacturer's Catalog Data:
 - 1. Panelboards.
 - 2. Safety switches.
 - 3. Dry transformers.
 - 4. Wiring Devices.
 - 5. Overcurrent protection devices.
 - 6.
- D. Reports: Submit test results for approval in report form:
 - 1. 600 volt wiring test.
 - 2. Grounding system test.

1.05 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Regulatory Requirements: In each of the publications referred to herein, consider the advisory provisions to be mandatory, as though the word,

"shall" or "must" had been substituted for "should" wherever it appears. Interpret references in these publications to the "authority having jurisdiction," or words of similar meaning, to mean the Engineer. Provide equipment, materials, installation, and workmanship in accordance with the mandatory and advisory provisions of NFPA 70 unless more stringent requirements are specified or indicated.

- B. Provide materials and equipment that are products of manufacturers regularly engaged in the production of such products which are of equal material, design and workmanship. Products shall have been in satisfactory commercial or industrial use for 2 years prior to bid opening. The 2-year period shall include applications of equipment and materials under similar circumstances and of similar size. The product shall have been on sale on the commercial market through advertisements, manufacturers' catalogs, or brochures during the 2-year period. Where 2 or more items of the same class of equipment are required, these items shall be products of a single manufacturer; however, the component parts of the item need not be the products of the same manufacturer unless stated in this section.
- C. Alternative Qualifications: Products having less than a 2-year field service record will be acceptable if a certified record of satisfactory field operation for not less than 6,000 hours, exclusive of the manufacturers' factory or laboratory tests, is furnished.
- D. Material and Equipment Manufacturing Date: Products manufactured more than 3 years prior to date of delivery to site shall not be used, unless specified otherwise.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 GENERAL

- A. Materials shall be new and those items listed by the Underwriters' Laboratories shall bear "UL" label of approval.
- B. Brand names, manufacturer's names and catalog numbers indicate the standard of design and quality required. Acceptable manufacturers for electrical apparatus include General Electric, Square D, Siemens-ITE, and Cutler-Hammer. All apparatus supplied shall bear the name of the approved manufacturer on its nameplates. Substitute materials may be used if pre-qualified prior to bidding by the Engineer.
- C. Electrical equipment and luminaires shall be supplied through the manufacturer's designated representative by a local distributor.
- D. Proof of compliance shall be furnished when shop drawings are submitted.

- E. Where 2 or more similar type items are furnished, all shall be of the same manufacture, e.g., safety switches shall be of the same manufacturer unless otherwise noted.
- F. Where electrical apparatus is to be installed outdoors, NEMA 4X stainless steel housings shall be provided, unless noted otherwise.

2.02 RACEWAYS

- A. Rigid Steel Conduit: Rigid steel, zinc-coated inside and outside, for use with threaded fittings. ANSI C80.1.
- B. Intermediate Metal Conduit (IMC): Rigid steel, zinc- and chromate-coated inside and outside, for use with threaded fittings. UL 1242.
- C. Plastic-Coated Rigid Steel and IMC Conduit: NEMA RN1, Type 40 (40 mils thick).
- D. Electrical Metal Tubing (EMT): Thin walled steel tubing, zinc-coated. ANSI C80.3.
- E. Flexible Metal Conduit: Flexible steel conduit; zinc-coated inside and outside, smooth inside walls, liquid-tight with factory fittings for liquid-tight installation. Provide bushings with bonding jumper lugs for flexible conduit in excess of 6 feet in length. UL 360.
- F. Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit: Polyvinyl chloride, Schedule 40.
- G. Metal Surface Raceways: UL 5, two-piece painted steel, totally enclosed, snap-cover type.
- Fittings for Metal Conduit, EMT, and Flexible Metal Conduit: UL 514B.
 Ferrous fittings shall be cadmium- or zinc-coated in accordance with UL 514B.
- I. Fittings for Rigid Metal Conduit and IMC: Threaded-type. Split couplings unacceptable.
- J. Fittings for EMT: Steel compression type.
- K. Fittings for Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit: NEMA TC 3 for PVC and UL 514B.
- L. Liquid-Tight Flexible Nonmetallic Conduit: UL 1660.

2.03 OUTLET BOXES AND COVERS

A. Outlet and Small Junction Boxes: UL 514A, galvanized, if ferrous metal. UL 514C, if nonmetallic.

- 1. Nominal 4 inches square, 2-1/8 inches deep exclusive of plaster ring, pressed steel.
- 2. Boxes for Telecommunications outlets shall be a nominal 4-11/16 inches square, 2-1/8 inches deep exclusive of plaster ring.
- 3. Mount outlet boxes flush in finished walls/furred chases wherever possible.
- 4. Surface mounted boxes and boxes exposed to the weather shall be cast steel, type FD, prime painted and enamel finished with neoprene gasketed covers, threaded hubs for conduit connections and stainless steel screws.

2.04 CABINETS, JUNCTION BOXES, AND PULL BOXES

A. Volume greater than 100 cubic inches, UL 50, hot-dip, zinc-coated, if sheet steel.

2.05 WIRES AND CABLES

- A. Wires and cables shall meet applicable requirements of NFPA 70 and UL for type of insulation, jacket, and conductor specified or indicated. Wires and cables manufactured more than 12 months prior to date of delivery to site shall not be used.
- B. Conductors:
 - 1. Conductors No. 8 AWG and larger diameter shall be stranded.
 - 2. Conductors No. 10 AWG and smaller diameter shall be solid.
 - 3. Conductors for remote control, alarm, and signal circuits, classes 1, 2, and 3, shall be stranded unless specifically indicated otherwise.
 - 4. Conductor sizes and capacities shown are based on copper, unless indicated otherwise. All conductors shall be copper.
 - 5. Equipment Manufacturer Requirements: When manufacturer's equipment requires copper conductors at the terminations or requires copper conductors to be provided between components of equipment, provide copper conductors or splices, splice boxes, and other work required to satisfy manufacturer's requirements.
 - 6. Minimum Conductor Sizes:
 - a. Minimum size for branch circuits shall be No. 12 AWG.
 - b. Class 1 remote-control and signal circuits: No. 14 AWG.
 - c. Class 2 low-energy, remote-control and signal circuits: No. 16 AWG.
 - d. Class 3 low-energy, remote-control, alarm and signal circuits: No. 22 AWG.
- C. Color Coding: Provide for feeder, branch, control, and signaling circuit conductors.
 - 1. Color shall be green for grounding conductors and white for neutrals; except where neutrals of more than one system are installed in same raceway or box, other neutrals shall be white with a different colored (not green) stripe for each.

- 2. Color of ungrounded conductors in different voltage systems shall be as follows:
 - a. 208/120 volt, 3-phase:
 - 1) Phase A black.
 - 2) Phase B red.
 - 3) Phase C blue.
 - b. 480/277 volt, 3-phase:
 - 1) Phase A brown.
 - 2) Phase B orange.
 - 3) Phase C yellow.
- D. Insulation: Unless specified or indicated otherwise or required by NFPA 70, power and lighting wires shall be 600-volt, Type THWN/THHN conforming to UL 83 or Type XHHW or RHW conforming to UL 44, except that grounding wire may be type TW conforming to UL 83; remote-control and signal circuits shall be Type TW or TF, conforming to UL 83. Where lighting fixtures require 90-degree Centigrade (C) conductors, provide only conductors with 90-degree C insulation or better.
- E. Bonding Conductors: ASTM B1, solid bare copper wire for sizes No. 8 AWG and smaller diameter; ASTM B8, Class B, stranded bare copper wire for sizes No. 6 AWG and larger diameter.
- F. Metal-Clad Cable: UL 1569; NFPA 70, Type MC cable, Hospital Grade only.

2.06 SPLICES AND TERMINATION COMPONENTS

A. UL 486A-486B for wire connectors and UL 510 for insulating tapes. Connectors for No. 10 AWG and smaller diameter wires shall be insulated, pressure-type in accordance with UL 486A-486B or UL 486C (twist-on splicing connector). Provide solderless terminal lugs on stranded conductors.

2.07 DEVICE PLATES

- A. Provide UL listed, one-piece device plates for outlets to suit the devices installed.
 - 1. For metal outlet boxes, plates on unfinished walls shall be of zinccoated sheet steel or cast metal having round or beveled edges.
 - 2. For nonmetallic boxes and fittings, other suitable plates may be provided.
 - 3. Plates on finished walls shall be nylon or lexan, minimum 0.03 inch wall thickness. Plates shall be same color as receptacle or toggle switch with which they are mounted.
 - 4. Screws shall be machine-type with countersunk heads in color to match finish of plate.
 - 5. Sectional type device plates will not be permitted.
 - 6. Plates installed in wet locations shall be gasketed and UL listed for "wet locations.

2.08 SWITCHES

- A. Toggle Switches: NEMA WD 1, UL 20, single pole, totally enclosed with bodies of thermoplastic or thermoset plastic and mounting strap with grounding screw.
 - 1. Handles shall be white thermoplastic.
 - 2. Wiring terminals shall be screw-type, side-wired or of the solderless pressure type having suitable conductor-release arrangement.
 - 3. Contacts shall be silver-cadmium and contact arm shall be one-piece copper alloy.
 - 4. Switches shall be rated quiet-type ac only, 120/277 volts, with current rating and number of poles indicated.
- B. Breakers Used as Switches For 120- and 277-Volt fluorescent fixtures, mark breakers "SWD" in accordance with UL 489.
- C. Disconnect (Safety) Switches: NEMA KS 1. Provide heavy duty-type switches where indicated, where switches are rated higher than 240 volts, and for double-throw switches. Fused switches shall utilize Class R fuseholders and fuses, unless indicated otherwise. Provide fuses as indicated. Switches serving as motor-disconnect means shall be horsepower rated. Provide switches in NEMA 1 enclosure per NEMA ICS 6, unless otherwise indicated.

2.9 RECEPTACLES

- A. General: UL 498, hospital grade, grounding-type.
 - 1. Ratings and configurations shall be as indicated.
 - 2. Bodies shall be of white as per NEMA WD 1.
 - 3. Face and body shall be thermoplastic supported on a metal mounting strap.
 - 4. Dimensional requirements shall be per NEMA WD 6.
 - 5. Provide screw-type, side-wired wiring terminals or of the solderless pressure type having suitable conductor-release arrangement.
 - 6. Connect grounding pole to mounting strap.
 - 7. The receptacle shall contain triple-wipe power contacts and double or triple-wipe ground contacts.
- B. Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter Receptacles: UL 943, hospital grade, duplex type for mounting in standard outlet box. Device shall be capable of detecting current leak of 6 milliamperes or greater and tripping per requirements of UL 943 for Class A GFCI devices. Provide screw-type, side-wired wiring terminals or pre-wired (pigtail) leads.

2.10 PANELBOARDS

A. Provide panelboards in accordance with the following:

- 1. UL 67 and UL 50 having a short-circuit current rating as indicated.
- 2. Panelboards: circuit breaker-equipped.
- 3. Designed such that individual breakers can be removed without disturbing adjacent units or without loosening or removing supplemental insulation supplied as means of obtaining clearances as required by UL.
- 4. "Specific breaker placement" is required in panelboards to match the breaker placement indicated in the panelboard schedule on the drawings.
- 5. Where "space only" is indicated, make provisions for future installation of breakers.
- 6. Directories: indicate load served by each circuit in panelboard.
- 7. Directories: indicate source of service to panelboard (e.g., Panel PA served from Panel MDP).
- 8. Provide new directories for existing panels modified by this project as indicated.
- 9. Type directories and mount in holder behind transparent protective covering.
- 10. Panelboards: listed and labeled for their intended use.
- 11. Panelboard nameplates: provided in accordance with paragraph FIELD FABRICATED NAMEPLATES hereinbelow.
- B. Enclosure: Provide panelboard enclosure in accordance with the following:
 - 1. UĽ 50.
 - 2. Cabinets mounted outdoors or flush-mounted: hot-dipped galvanized after fabrication.
 - 3. Cabinets: painted in accordance with paragraph PAINTING.
 - 4. Front edges of cabinets: form-flanged or fitted with structural shapes welded or riveted to the sheet steel, for supporting the panelboard front.
 - 5. All cabinets: fabricated such that no part of any surface on the finished cabinet deviates from a true plane by more than 1/8 inch.
 - 6. Holes: provided in the back of indoor surface-mounted cabinets, with outside spacers and inside stiffeners, for mounting the cabinets with a 1/2 inch clear space between the back of the cabinet and the wall surface.
 - 7. Flush doors: mounted on hinges that expose only the hinge roll to view when the door is closed.
 - 8. Each door: fitted with a combined catch and lock, except that doors over 24 inches long provided with a three-point latch having a knob with a T-handle, and a cylinder lock.
 - 9. Keys: two provided with each lock, with all locks keyed alike.
 - 10. Finished-head cap screws: provided for mounting the panelboard fronts on the cabinets.
- C. Panelboard Buses: Support bus bars on bases independent of circuit breakers. Main buses and back pans shall be designed so that breakers may be changed without machining, drilling, or tapping. Provide isolated neutral bus in each panel for connection of circuit neutral conductors.

Provide separate ground bus identified as equipment grounding bus per UL 67 for connecting grounding conductors; bond to steel cabinet.

- D. Circuit Breakers: UL 489, thermal magnetic-type having a minimum short-circuit current rating equal to the short-circuit current rating of the panelboard in which the circuit breaker shall be mounted. Breaker terminals shall be UL listed as suitable for type of conductor provided.
 - 1. Multipole Breakers: Provide common trip-type with single operating handle. Breaker design shall be such that overload in one pole automatically causes all poles to open. Maintain phase sequence throughout each panel so that any 3 adjacent breaker poles are connected to Phases A, B, and C, respectively.
 - 2. Circuit Breakers for HVAC Equipment: Circuit breakers for HVAC equipment having motors (group or individual) shall be marked for use with HACR type and UL listed as HACR type.

2.11 ENCLOSED CIRCUIT BREAKERS

A. UL 489. Individual molded case circuit breakers with voltage and continuous current ratings, number of poles, overload trip setting, and short circuit current interrupting rating as indicated. Enclosure type as indicated. Provide solid neutral.

2.12 TRANSFORMERS

- A. Provide transformers in accordance with the following:
 - 1. NEMA ST 20, general purpose, dry-type, self-cooled, ventilated.
 - 2. Provide transformers in NEMA 1 enclosure.
 - 3. Transformer insulation system:
 - a. 220 degrees C insulation system for transformers 15 kVA and greater, with temperature rise not exceeding 115 degrees C under full-rated load in maximum ambient of 40 degrees C.
 - 4. Transformer of 115 degrees C temperature rise shall be capable of carrying continuously 115 percent of nameplate kVA without exceeding insulation rating.
 - 5. Transformers shall be quiet type with maximum sound level at least 3 decibels less than NEMA standard level for transformer ratings indicated.

2.13 WIREWAYS

A. UL 870. Material shall be steel galvanized 16 gauge for heights and depths up to 6 by 6 inches, and 14 gauge for heights and depths up to 12 by 12 inches. Provide in length required for the application with screwcover NEMA 1 enclosure per NEMA ICS 6.

2.14 MANUFACTURER'S NAMEPLATE

A. Each item of equipment shall have a nameplate bearing the manufacturer's name, address, model number, and serial number

securely affixed in a conspicuous place; the nameplate of the distributing agent will not be acceptable.

2.15 FIELD FABRICATED NAMEPLATES

- A. Provide field fabricated nameplates in accordance with the following:
 - 1. ASTM D709.
 - 2. Provide laminated plastic nameplates for each equipment enclosure, relay, switch, and device; as specified or as indicated on the drawings.
 - 3. Each nameplate inscription shall identify the function and, when applicable, the position.
 - 4. Nameplates shall be melamine plastic, 0.125 inch thick, white with red center core.
 - 5. Surface shall be matte finish. Corners shall be square. Accurately align lettering and engrave into the core.
 - 6. Minimum size of nameplates shall be one inch by 2.5 inches.
 - 7. Lettering shall be a minimum of 0.25 inch high normal block style.

2.16 WARNING SIGNS

A. Provide warning signs for flash protection in accordance with NFPA 70E and NEMA Z535.4 for panelboards and industrial control panels in other than dwelling occupancies and are likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while energized. Provide field installed signs to warn qualified persons of potential electric arc flash hazards when warning signs are not provided by the manufacturer. The marking shall be clearly visible to qualified persons before examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance of the equipment.

2.17 FIRESTOPPING MATERIALS

A. Provide firestopping around electrical penetrations. Utilize UL-listed firestopping systems or assemblies suitable for the penetration being sealed.

2.18 FACTORY APPLIED FINISH

- A. Provide factory-applied finish on electrical equipment in accordance with the following:
 - 1. NEMA 250 corrosion-resistance test and the additional requirements as specified herein.
 - 2. Interior and exterior steel surfaces of equipment enclosures shall be thoroughly cleaned and then receive a rust-inhibitive phosphatizing or equivalent treatment prior to painting.
 - 3. Exterior surfaces shall be free from holes, seams, dents, weld marks, loose scale or other imperfections.
 - 4. Interior surfaces shall receive not less than one coat of corrosionresisting paint in accordance with the manufacturer's standard practice.

- 5. Exterior surfaces shall be primed, filled where necessary, and given not less than 2 coats baked enamel with semi-gloss finish.
- 6. Equipment located indoors shall be ANSI Light Gray.
- 7. Provide manufacturer's coatings for touch-up work and as specified in item entitled "FIELD APPLIED PAINTING" hereinbelow.

2.19 HARDWARE, SUPPORTS, BACKING, ETC.

- A. Provide all hardware, supports, backing and other accessories necessary to install electrical equipment. Wood materials shall be treated against termites, iron or steel materials shall be galvanized for corrosion protection, and non-ferrous materials shall be brass or bronze. Provide other specialty materials where indicated.
- B. Bolts, nuts, washers, and screws used for exterior use shall be high quality stainless steel or brass.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 INSTALLATION

- A. Electrical installations, including weatherproof and hazardous locations and ducts, plenums and other air-handling spaces, shall conform to requirements of NFPA 70 and IEEE C2 and to requirements specified herein.
- B. Hazardous Locations: Work in hazardous locations, as defined by NFPA 70, shall be performed in strict accordance with NFPA 70 for particular "Class," "Division," and "Group" of hazardous locations involved. Provide conduit and cable seals where required by NFPA 70. Conduit shall have tapered threads.
- C. Wiring Methods: Provide insulated conductors installed in rigid steel conduit, IMC, rigid nonmetallic conduit, or EMT, except where specifically indicated or specified otherwise or required by NFPA 70 to be installed otherwise. Utilize non-wax type lubricants for pulling, chemically neutral to insulation and sheath. Mechanical means for pulling to be tongue-limiting type and not be used for #2 AWG wires and smaller. Grounding conductor shall be separate from electrical system neutral conductor. Provide insulated green equipment grounding conductor for circuit(s) installed in conduit and raceways. Minimum conduit size shall be 3/4 inch in diameter for low voltage lighting and power circuits. Conduit which penetrates fire-rated walls, fire-rated partitions, or fire-rated floors shall be firestopped.
 - 1. Pull Wire: Install pull wires in empty conduits. Pull wire shall be plastic having minimum 200-pound force tensile strength. Leave minimum 36 inches of slack at each end of pull wire.
 - 2. Metal Clad Cable: Install in accordance with NFPA 70, Type MC cable.

- D. Conduit Installation: Unless indicated otherwise, conceal conduit under floor slabs and within finished walls, ceilings, and floors. Keep conduit minimum 6 inches away from parallel runs of flues and steam or hot water pipes. Install conduit parallel with or at right angles to ceilings, walls, and structural members where located above accessible ceilings and where conduit will be visible after completion of project.
 - 1. Restrictions Applicable to EMT:
 - a. Do not install underground.
 - b. Do not encase in concrete, mortar, grout, or other cementitious materials.
 - c. Do not use in areas subject to severe physical damage including but not limited to equipment rooms where moving or replacing equipment could physically damage the EMT.
 - d. Do not use in hazardous areas.
 - e. Do not use outdoors, including under open-sided covered lanais, patios, walkways or other similar locations.
 - f. Do not use exposed below +8 feet above the finished floor, except in dedicated Electrical Rooms.
 - 2. Restrictions Applicable to Nonmetallic Conduit:
 - a. PVC Schedule 40:
 - Do not use in areas where subject to severe physical damage, including but not limited to, mechanical equipment rooms, electrical equipment rooms, and other such areas.
 - 2) Do not use in hazardous (classified) areas.
 - 3) Do not use in penetrating fire-rated walls or partitions, or fire-rated floors.
 - 4) Do not use above grade, except where conduit is concealed and located within walls up to the first outlet box or conduit coupling above the finished floor unless indicated otherwise.
 - 3. Restrictions Applicable to Flexible Conduit: Use only as specified in subparagraph entitled "Flexible Connections" hereinbelow.
 - 4. Conduit through Floor Slabs: Where conduits rise through floor slabs, curved portion of bends shall not be visible above finished slab.
 - 5. Stub-Ups: Provide conduits stubbed up through concrete floor for connection to free-standing equipment with adjustable top or coupling threaded inside for plugs, set flush with finished floor. Extend conductors to equipment in rigid steel conduit, except that flexible metal conduit may be used 6 inches above floor. Where no equipment connections are made, install screwdriver-operated threaded flush plugs in conduit end.
 - 6. Conduit Support: Support conduit by pipe straps, wall brackets, hangers, or ceiling trapeze. Fasten by wood screws to wood; by toggle bolts on hollow masonry units; by concrete inserts or expansion bolts on concrete or brick; and by machine screws, welded threaded studs, or spring-tension clamps on steel work.

Threaded C-clamps may be used on rigid steel conduit only. Do not weld conduits or pipe straps to steel structures. Load applied to fasteners shall not exceed 1/4 proof test load. Fasteners attached to concrete ceiling shall be vibration resistant and shock-resistant. Holes cut to depth of more than 1-1/2 inches in reinforced concrete beams or to depth of more than 3/4 inch in concrete joints shall not cut main reinforcing bars. Fill unused holes. In partitions of light steel construction, use sheet metal screws. In suspended-ceiling construction, run conduit above ceiling. Do not support conduit by ceiling support system. Conduit and box systems shall be supported independently of both (a) tie wires supporting ceiling grid system, and (b) ceiling grid system into which ceiling panels are placed. Supporting means shall not be shared between electrical raceways and mechanical piping or ducts. Installation shall be coordinated with above-ceiling mechanical systems to assure maximum accessibility to all systems. Spring-steel fasteners may be used for lighting branch circuit conduit supports in suspended ceilings in dry locations. Where conduit crosses building expansion joints, provide suitable expansion fitting that maintains conduit electrical continuity by bonding jumpers or other means. For conduits greater than 2-1/2 inches inside diameter, provide supports to resist forces of 0.5 times the equipment weight in any direction and 1.5 times the equipment weight in the downward direction.

- 7. Directional Changes in Conduit Runs: Make changes in direction of runs with symmetrical bends or cast-metal fittings. Make field-made bends and offsets with hickey or conduit-bending machine. Do not install crushed or deformed conduits. Avoid trapped conduits. Prevent plaster, dirt, or trash from lodging in conduits, boxes, fittings, and equipment during construction. Free clogged conduits of obstructions.
- 8. Locknuts and Bushings: Fasten conduits to sheet metal boxes and cabinets with 2 locknuts where required by NFPA 70, where insulated bushings are used, and where bushings cannot be brought into firm contact with the box; otherwise, use at least minimum single locknut and bushing. Locknuts shall have sharp edges for digging into wall of metal enclosures. Install bushings on ends of conduits, and provide insulating type where required by NFPA 70.
- 9. Flexible Connections: Provide flexible steel conduit between 3 feet and 6 feet in length for recessed and semi-recessed lighting fixtures; for equipment subject to vibration, noise transmission, or movement; and for motors. Install flexible conduit to allow 20 percent slack. Minimum flexible steel conduit size shall be 1/2 inch diameter. Provide liquid-tight flexible conduit in wet and damp locations for equipment subject to vibration, noise transmission, movement or motors. Provide separate ground conductor across flexible connections.
- E. Boxes, Outlets, and Supports: Provide boxes in wiring and raceway systems wherever required for pulling of wires, making connections, and

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- Pull Boxes: Construct of at least minimum size required by NFPA 70 of code-gauge galvanized sheet steel or stainless steel where indicated, except where cast-metal boxes are required in locations specified herein. Provide boxes with screw-fastened covers. Where several feeders pass through common pull box, tag feeders to indicate clearly electrical characteristics, circuit number, and panel designation.
- 2. Extension Rings: Extension rings are not permitted for new construction. Use only on existing boxes in concealed conduit systems where wall is furred out for new finish.
- F. Mounting Heights: Mount panelboards, circuit breakers, motor controllers and disconnecting switches so height of operating handle at its highest position is maximum 78 inches above floor. Mount lighting switches 48 inches above finished floor. Mount receptacles and telecommunications outlets 18 inches above finished floor, unless otherwise indicated. Mount other devices as indicated. Measure mounting heights of wiring devices and outlets to center of device or outlet, unless otherwise indicated.
- G. Conductor Identification: Provide conductor identification within each enclosure where tap, splice, or termination is made. For conductors No.

6 AWG and smaller diameter, color coding shall be by factory-applied, color-impregnated insulation. For conductors No. 4 AWG and larger diameter, color coding shall be by plastic-coated, self-sticking markers; colored nylon cable ties and plates; or heat shrink-type sleeves. Identify control circuit terminations in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

- H. Splices: Make splices in accessible locations. Make splices in conductors No. 10 AWG and smaller diameter with insulated, pressuretype connector. Make splices in conductors No. 8 AWG and larger diameter with solderless connector, and cover with insulation material equivalent to conductor insulation.
- I. Covers and Device Plates: Install with edges in continuous contact with finished wall surfaces without use of mats or similar devices. Plaster fillings are not permitted. Install plates with alignment tolerance of 1/16 inch. Use of sectional-type device plates are not permitted. Provide gasket for plates installed in wet locations.
- J. Electrical Penetrations: Openings around electrical penetrations (such as conduit penetrations or flush mounted equipment enclosures or junction boxes) through fire resistance-rated walls, partitions, floors, or ceilings shall be sealed to maintain fire resistive integrity. Use 3M CP25, Type MPP moldable putty or equivalent material or assemblies to maintain fire resistive integrity for conduit penetration and flush mounted outlet boxes. Use other approved construction methods for larger enclosures.
- K. Grounding and Bonding: Provide in accordance with NFPA 70. Ground exposed, non-current-carrying metallic parts of electrical equipment, metallic raceway systems, grounding conductor in metallic and nonmetallic raceways, telecommunications system grounds, and neutral conductor of wiring systems.
 - 1. Grounding Connections: Make grounding connections which are buried or otherwise normally inaccessible, by exothermic weld or compression connector.
 - a. Make exothermic welds strictly in accordance with the weld manufacturer's written recommendations. Welds which are "puffed up" or which show convex surfaces indicating improper cleaning are not acceptable. Mechanical connectors are not required at exothermic welds.
 - Make compression connections using a hydraulic compression tool to provide the correct circumferential pressure. Tools and dies shall be as recommended by the manufacturer. An embossing die code or other standard method shall provide visible indication that a connector has been adequately compressed on the ground wire.
 - 2. Resistance: Maximum resistance-to-ground of grounding system shall not exceed 25 ohms under dry conditions. Where resistance obtained exceeds 25 ohms, contact Engineer for further instructions.

- L. Equipment Connections: Provide power wiring for the connection of motors and control equipment under this section of the specification. Except as otherwise specifically noted or specified, automatic control wiring, control devices, and protective devices within the control circuitry are not included in this section of the specifications but shall be provided under the section specifying the associated equipment.
- M. Seismic Bracing: Contractor shall provide seismic bracing for all electrical equipment, apparatus, and raceways. Bracing shall, as a minimum, comply with the County Building Code.
- N. Repair of Existing Work: Repair of existing work, demolition, and modification of existing electrical distribution systems shall be performed as follows:
 - Workmanship: Lay out work in advance. Exercise care where cutting, channeling, chasing, or drilling of floors, walls, partitions, ceilings, or other surfaces is necessary for proper installation, support, or anchorage of conduit, raceways, or other electrical work. Repair damage to buildings, piping, and equipment using skilled craftsmen of trades involved.
 - 2. Existing Concealed Wiring to be Removed: Existing concealed wiring to be removed shall be disconnected from its source. Remove conductors; cut conduit flush with floor, underside of floor, and through walls; and seal openings.
 - 3. Removal of Existing Electrical Distribution System: Removal of existing electrical distribution system equipment shall include equipment's associated wiring, including conductors, cables, exposed conduit, surface metal raceways, boxes, and fittings, back to equipment's power source as indicated.
 - 4. Continuation of Service: Maintain continuity of existing circuits of equipment to remain. Existing circuits of equipment shall remain energized. Circuits which are to remain but were disturbed during demolition shall have circuits wiring and power restored back to original condition.

3.02 FIELD FABRICATED NAMEPLATE MOUNTING

A. Provide number, location, and letter designation of nameplates as indicated. Fasten nameplates to the device with a minimum of 2 sheet-metal screws or 2 rivets.

3.03 WARNING SIGN MOUNTING

A. Provide the number of signs required to be readable from each accessible side. Space the signs in accordance with NFPA 70E.

3.04 FIELD APPLIED PAINTING

A. Paint electrical equipment as required to match finish of adjacent surfaces or to meet the indicated or specified safety criteria. Where field painting

of enclosures for panelboards, load centers or the like is specified to match adjacent surfaces, to correct damage to the manufacturer's factory applied coatings, or to meet the indicated or specified safety criteria, provide manufacturer's recommended coatings and apply in accordance to manufacturer's instructions. Painting shall be as specified in SECTION 09901 - PAINTING.

3.05 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Furnish test equipment and personnel and submit written copies of test results. Give Engineer 10 working days' notice prior to each.
 - 1. Devices Subject to Manual Operation: Each device subject to manual operation shall be operated at least 5 times, demonstrating satisfactory operation each time.
 - 600-Volt Wiring Test: Test wiring rated 600 volt and less to verify that no short circuits or accidental grounds exist. Perform insulation resistance tests on wiring No. 6 AWG and larger diameter using instrument which applies voltage of approximately 500 volts to provide direct reading of resistance. Minimum resistance shall be 250,000 ohms. Submit results to the Engineer.
 - 3. Transformer Tests: Measure primary and secondary voltages for proper tap settings.
 - 4. Ground-Fault Receptacle Test: Test ground-fault receptacles with a "load" (such as a plug in light) to verify that the "line" and "load" leads are not reversed.
 - 5. Grounding System Test: Test grounding system to ensure continuity and that resistance to ground is not excessive.

END OF SECTION