SECTION 26 0500

COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR ELECTRICAL

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

A. Requirements applicable to work of more than one section of Divisions 26, 27, and 28.

B. Testing wiring systems.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

A. Operation and maintenance manuals: Division 01 and Section 26 0101.

B. Painting: Division 09.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

A. Project correction period: A period after Substantial Completion of the work during which the Contractor shall correct every part of the work found to be not in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents, promptly after receipt of written notice.

B. Qualified testing agency: A Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL), a National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), or an independent agency with the experience and capability to conduct testing and inspecting indicated, as documented according to ASTM E 548; and with additional qualifications specified in individual sections; and where required by authorities having jurisdiction, that is acceptable to authorities.

1.4 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

A. The drawings and system performances have been designed on the basis of using the particular manufacturers' products specified and scheduled on the drawings.

B. Products of other manufacturers that are listed under the article "Acceptable Manufacturers," or permitted as "equal," are permitted provided:

1. Product shall meet the specifications.
2. Contractor shall make, without addition to the contract sum, all adjustments for deviations so that the final installation is complete and functions as the design basis product is intended.

C. Do not propose products with dimensions or other characteristics different from the design basis product that make their use impractical or cause functional fit, access, or connection problems.

D. The contract drawings are generally diagrammatic, and do not indicate all fittings or offsets in conduit or all pull boxes, access panels, or other specialties required.

1. Install conduit exposed to view parallel with the lines of the building and as close to walls, columns, and ceilings as may be practical, maintaining adequate clearance for access at parts requiring servicing.
2. Install conduit a sufficient distance from other work to permit a clearance of not less than 0.5 inch (15 mm) between its finished covering and adjacent work.
3. No conduit shall be run below the head of a window or door.

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4. Pull boxes and other appurtenances which require operation or maintenance shall be easily accessible. Do not cut or form handholes for operation or maintenance of appliances through walls or ceilings.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Test reports: Show that tests specified in Part 3 below demonstrate the specified results.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Provide materials and perform work in accordance with the electrical, building, fire, and safety codes and regulations of the state, county, or city in which the work is performed.

B. Electrical control panels, equipment, materials and devices provided or installed as work of Division 26 shall bear UL label, or, if UL label is not available, the item shall be tested and labeled by a qualified testing agency, acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction, and in accordance with NFPA 70. Provide testing, if required, without addition to the contract sum.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

A. Electrical equipment backing panels: Plywood, DOC PS 1, Exposure 1, C-D Plugged, fire-retardant treated in accordance with AWPA C27, in thickness indicated, not less than 0.5 inch (13 mm) nominal.

1. One side finished.

B. Fire-retardant-treated lumber and plywood by pressure process: Products with a flame-spread index of 25 or less when tested according to ASTM E 84, and with no evidence of significant progressive combustion when the test is extended an additional 20 minutes, and with the flame front not extending more than 10.5 feet (3.2 m) beyond the centerline of the burners at any time during the test. Product chemicals shall be acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction.

1. Treatment shall not promote corrosion of metal fasteners.
2. Exterior type: Treated materials shall comply with requirements specified above for fire-retardant-treated lumber and plywood by pressure process after being subjected to accelerated weathering according to ASTM D 2898. Use for exterior locations and where indicated.
3. Interior Type A: Treated materials shall have a moisture content of 28 percent or less when tested according to ASTM D 3201 at 92 percent relative humidity. Use where exterior type is not indicated.
4. Design value adjustment factors: Treated lumber shall be tested according to ASTM D 5664 and design value adjustment factors shall be calculated according to ASTM D 6841.
5. Kiln dry lumber after treatment to maximum content of 19 percent.
6. For exposed items indicated to receive a stained or natural finish, chemical formulations shall not bleed through, contain colorants, or otherwise adversely affect finishes.
7. Application: Treat items indicated on the drawings, and the following:

a. Wood cants, nailers, curbs, equipment support bases, blocking, stripping, and similar members in connection with roofing, flashing, vapor barriers, or waterproofing.
b. Wood sills, sleepers, blocking, and similar concealed members in contact with masonry or concrete.
c. Wood framing and furring attached directly to the interior of below-grade exterior masonry or concrete walls.

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d. Wood framing members that are less than 18 inches (460 mm) above the ground in crawlspaces or unexcavated areas.
e. Wood floor plates that are installed over concrete slabs-on-grade.

C. Aircraft cable: 0.25-inch (6-mm) steel wire rope, galvanized, construction 7 by 19 strands, minimum 7000 lbs (31138 N) breaking strength.

2.2 DATE-SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT

A. Date-sensitive equipment: Systems, equipment, or components which use or process date and time data in order to perform their functions.

B. Each item of date-sensitive equipment used in the project shall be warranted by the manufacturer to properly function and correctly use or process all time-related data for all dates and times which occur during a reasonable life expectancy of the equipment.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION OF PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT

A. Manufacturer’s instructions: Except as modified by drawings or specifications, install products and equipment in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions and recommendations applicable to the project conditions.

1. Immediately notify Engineer if a difference or discrepancy is found between manufacturer's instructions and the drawings or specifications.

B. Install plywood backing panels with finished face exposed.

3.2 TESTS

A. During the progress of the work and after completion, test the branch circuits and distribution system, and the low voltage alarm and signal systems.

B. Results of the tests shall show that the wiring meets the requirements of this specification. Should any test indicate defect in materials or workmanship, immediately repair, or replace with new, the faulty installation, and retest the affected portions of the work.

C. Furnish equipment and instruments necessary for testing.

D. Tests shall demonstrate the following:

1. Lighting, power, and control circuits are continuous and free from short circuits.
2. Circuits are free from unspecified grounds.
3. The resistance to ground of each non-grounded circuit is not less than one megohm.
4. Circuits are properly connected in accordance with the applicable wiring diagrams.
5. Circuits are operable. Demonstration shall include functioning of each control not less than ten times, and continuous operation of each lighting and power circuit for not less than 0.5 hour.

E. Test circuit breakers larger than 100 amps at full voltage.

F. Make voltage built-up tests with a voltage sufficient to determine that no short circuits exist.

G. Immediately repair defects and retest until systems are operating correctly.

H. Submit test reports.

3.3 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. Furnish the necessary technicians, skilled workers, and helpers to operate the electrical systems and equipment of the entire project for one 8-hour day.

B. Where specified in technical sections, provide longer periods required for specialized equipment.

C. Instruct the Owner or designated personnel in operation, maintenance, lubrication, and adjustment of systems and equipment.

D. The operating and maintenance manual shall be available at the time of the instructions for use by instructors and Owner personnel.

E. Schedule the general and specialized instruction periods for a time agreed upon by the Owner and Engineer.

END OF SECTION