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SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:

1. Added paragraph O, under Article 2.1 that has a statement that encourages the use of biobased products that meet or exceed USDA recommendations for biobased content.
SECTION 01 81 11
SUSTAINABLE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

1.2 OBJECTIVES
A. To maximize resource efficiency and reduce the environmental impacts of construction and operation, the Contractor during the construction phase of this project shall implement the following procedures:
1. Select products that minimize consumption of energy, water and non-renewable resources, while minimizing the amounts of pollution resulting from the production and employment of building technologies. It is the intent of this project to conform with EPA’s Five Guiding Principles on environmentally preferable purchasing. The five principles are:
a. Include environmental considerations as part of the normal purchasing process.
b. Emphasize pollution prevention early in the purchasing process.
c. Examine multiple environmental attributes throughout a product’s or service’s life cycle.
d. Compare relevant environmental impacts when selecting products and services.
e. Collect and base purchasing decisions on accurate and meaningful information about environmental performance.
2. Control sources for potential Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) pollutants by controlled selection of materials and processes used in project construction in order to attain superior IAQ.
3. Products and processes that achieve the above objectives to the extent currently possible and practical have been selected and included in these Construction Documents. The Contractor is responsible to maintain and support these objectives in developing means and methods for performing the work of this Contract and in
proposing product substitutions and/or changes to specified processes.

4. Use building practices that insure construction debris and particulates do not contaminate or enter duct work prior to system startup and turn over.

1.3 RELATED DOCUMENTS
A. Section 01 74 19 CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT
B. Section 01 81 09 TESTING FOR INDOOR AIR QUALITY (not written yet)
C. Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS

1.4 DEFINITIONS
A. Agrifiber Products: Composite panel products derived from agricultural fiber
B. Biobased Product: As defined in the 2002 Farm Bill, a product determined by the Secretary to be a commercial or industrial product (other than food or feed) that is composed, in whole or in significant part, of biological products or renewable domestic agricultural materials (including plant, animal, and marine materials) or forestry materials
C. Biobased Content: The weight of the biobased material divided by the total weight of the product and expressed as a percentage by weight
D. Certificates of Chain-of-Custody: Certificates signed by manufacturers certifying that wood used to make products has been tracked through its extraction and fabrication to ensure that it was obtained from forests certified by a specified certification program
E. Composite Wood: A product consisting of wood fiber or other plant particles bonded together by a resin or binder
F. Construction and Demolition Waste: Includes solid wastes, such as building materials, packaging, rubbish, debris, and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair and demolition operations. A construction waste management plan is to be provided by the Contractor as defined in Section 01 74 19.
G. Third Party Certification: Certification of levels of environmental achievement by nationally recognized sustainability rating system.
H. Light Pollution: Light that extends beyond its source such that the additional light is wasted in an unwanted area or in an area where it inhibits view of the night sky
I. Recycled Content Materials: Products that contain pre-consumer or post-consumer materials as all or part of their feedstock
J. Post-Consumer Recycled Content: The percentage by weight of constituent materials that have been recovered or otherwise diverted from the solid-waste stream after consumer use.

K. Pre-Consumer Recycled Content: Materials that have been recovered or otherwise diverted from the solid-waste stream during the manufacturing process. Pre-consumer content must be material that would not have otherwise entered the waste stream as per Section 5 of the FTC Act, Part 260 “Guidelines for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims”: www.ftc.gov/bcp/grnrule/guides980427

L. Regional Materials: Materials that are extracted, harvested, recovered, and manufactured within a radius of 250 miles (400 km) from the Project site.

M. Salvaged or Reused Materials: Materials extracted from existing buildings in order to be reused in other buildings without being manufactured.

N. Sealant: Any material that fills and seals gaps between other materials.

O. Type 1 Finishes: Materials and finishes which have a potential for short-term levels of off gassing from chemicals inherent in their manufacturing process, or which are applied in a form requiring vehicles or carriers for spreading which release a high level of particulate matter in the process of installation and/or curing.

SPEC WRITER NOTES: Type 1 finishes or may be adversely affected by particulates. These materials become "sinks" for deleterious substances which may be released much later, or collectors of contaminants that may promote subsequent bacterial growth.

P. Type 2 Finishes: "Fuzzy" materials and finishes which are woven, fibrous, or porous in nature and tend to adsorb chemicals offgas.

Q. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs): Any compound of carbon, excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides or carbonates, and ammonium carbonate, which participates in atmospheric photochemical reactions. Compounds that have negligible photochemical reactivity, listed in EPA 40 CFR 51.100(s), are also excluded from this regulatory definition.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Sustainable Design Submittals:

1. Alternative Transportation: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets for all bike racks installed on site, including the total number of
bicycle storage slots provided. Also, provide manufacturer’s cut sheets for any alternative-fuel refueling stations installed on site, including fueling capacity information for an 8-hour period.

2. Heat Island Effect:
   a. Site Paving: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets for all impervious paving materials, highlighting the Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) of the material. Also, provide cut sheets for all pervious paving materials.
   b. Roofing Materials: Submittals for roofing materials must include manufacturer’s cut sheets or product data highlighting the Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) of the material.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: “Nadir” of a luminaire is defined as the angle that points directly downward, or 0, from the luminaire.

3. Exterior Lighting Fixtures: Submittals must include cut sheets with manufacturer’s data on initial fixture lumens above 90° from nadir for all exterior lighting fixtures, and, for parking lot lighting, verification that the fixtures are classified by the IESNA as “full cutoff” (FCO); OR provide documentation that exterior luminaires are IDA-Approved as Dark-Sky Friendly by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) Fixture Seal of Approval Program.

4. Irrigation Systems: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets for all permanent landscape irrigation system components and for any rainwater harvesting system components, such as cisterns.

5. Water Conserving Fixtures: Submittals must include manufacturer’s cut sheets for all water-consuming plumbing fixtures and fittings (toilets, urinals, faucets, showerheads, etc.) highlighting maximum flow rates and/or flush rates. Include cut sheets for any automatic faucet-control devices.

6. Process Water Use: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets for all water-consuming commercial equipment (clothes washers, dishwashers, ice machines, etc.), highlighting water consumption performance. Include manufacturer’s cut sheets or product data for any cooling towers, highlighting water consumption estimates, water use reduction measures, and corrosion inhibitors.

7. Elimination of CFCs AND HCFCs: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets for all cooling equipment with manufacturer’s product data, highlighting refrigerants; provide manufacturer’s cut sheets for all fire-
suppression equipment, highlighting fire-suppression agents; provide manufacturer’s cut-sheets for all polystyrene insulation (XPS) and closed-cell spray foam polyurethane insulation, highlighting the blowing agent(s).

8. Appliances and Equipment: Provide copies of manufacturer’s product data for all Energy Star eligible equipment and appliances, including office equipment, computers and printers, electronics, and commercial food service equipment (excluding HVAC and lighting components), verifying compliance with EPA’s Energy Star program.

9. On-Site Renewable Energy Systems: Provide cut sheets and manufacturer’s product data for all on-site renewable energy generating components and equipment, including documentation of output capacity.


11. Salvaged or Reused Materials: Provide documentation that lists each salvaged or reused material, the source or vendor of the material, the purchase price, and the replacement cost if greater than the purchase price.

12. Recycled Content: Submittals for all materials with recycled content (excluding MEP systems equipment and components) must include the following documentation: Manufacturer’s product data, product literature, or a letter from the manufacturer verifying the percentage of post-consumer and pre-consumer recycled content (by weight) of each material or product.

a. An electronic spreadsheet that tabulates the Project’s total materials cost and combined recycled content value (defined as the sum of the post-consumer recycled content value plus one-half of the pre-consumer recycled content value) expressed as a percentage of total materials cost. This spreadsheet shall be submitted every third month with the Contractor’s Certificate and Application for Payment. It should indicate, on an ongoing basis, line items for each material, including cost, pre-consumer recycled content, post-consumer recycled content, and combined recycled content value.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: The submittal frequency suggestion of every third month should be
13. Regional Materials: Submittals for all products or materials expected to contribute to the regional calculation (excluding MEP systems equipment and components) must include the following documentation:
   a. Cost of each material or product, excluding cost of labor and equipment for installation
   b. Location of product manufacture and distance from point of manufacture to the Project Site
   c. Location of point of extraction, harvest, or recovery for each raw material in each product and distance from the point of extraction, harvest, or recovery to the Project Site
   d. Manufacturer’s product data, product literature, or a letter from the manufacturer verifying the location and distance from the Project Site to the point of manufacture for each regional material
   e. Manufacturer’s product data, product literature, or a letter from the manufacturer verifying the location and distance from the Project Site to the point of extraction, harvest, or recovery for each regional material or product, including, at a minimum, gravel and fill, planting materials, concrete, masonry, and GWB
   f. An electronic spreadsheet that tabulates the Project’s total materials cost and regional materials value, expressed as a percentage of total materials cost. This spreadsheet shall be submitted every third month with the Contractor’s Certificate and Application for Payment. It should indicate on an ongoing basis, line items for each material, including cost, location of manufacture, distance from manufacturing plant to the Project Site, location of raw material extraction, and distance from extraction point to the Project Site.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: The submittal frequency suggestion of every third month should be reviewed and revised to reflect the needs of the specific Project.

14. Outdoor Air Delivery Monitoring: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets highlighting the installed carbon dioxide monitoring system components and sequence of controls shop drawing documentation, including CO2 differential set-points and alarm capabilities.
15. Interior Adhesives and Sealants: Submittals for all field-applied adhesives and sealants, which have a potential impact on indoor air, must include manufacturer’s MSDSs or other Product Data highlighting VOC content.
   a. Provide manufacturers’ documentation verifying all adhesives used to apply laminates, whether shop-applied or field-applied, contain no urea-formaldehyde.

16. Interior Paints and Coatings: Submittals for all field-applied paints and coatings, which have a potential impact on indoor air, must include manufacturer’s MSDSs or other Product Data highlighting VOC content.

17. Exterior Paints and Coatings: Submittals for all field-applied paints and coatings, which have a potential impact on ambient air quality, must include manufacturer’s MSDSs or other manufacturer’s Product Data highlighting VOC content.

18. Floorcoverings:
   a. Carpet Systems: Submittals for all carpet must include the following:
      1) A copy of an assessment from the Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability (BEES) software model, either Version 3.0 or 4.0, with parameters of the model set as described by this specification section.
         SPEC WRITER NOTE: BEES analysis is frequently a task completed by the designer; however, it is preferable to obtain a BEES assessment from the product manufacturer. The process of acquiring the BEES analysis serves an educational purpose for the manufacturer and is driven by manufacturer motivation to win the bid.
      2) Manufacturer’s product data verifying that all carpet systems meet or exceed the testing and product requirements of the Carpet and Rug Institute Green Label Plus program.

   b. Engineered Wood Flooring: Submittals for all engineered wood flooring must include manufacturer’s product data verifying certification under either the Greenguard or FloorScore indoor emissions testing program.
19. Composite Wood and Agrifiber Binders: Submittals for all composite wood and agrifiber products (including but not limited to particleboard, wheatboard, strawboard, agriboard products, engineered wood components, solid-core wood doors, OSB, MDF, and plywood products) must include manufacturer’s product data verifying that these products contain no urea-formaldehyde resins.

20. Systems Furniture and Seating: Provide manufacturer’s product data verifying that all systems furniture and seating products meet the requirements of one of the following:
   a. Greenguard certification
   b. SCS Indoor Advantage certification
   c. SCS Indoor Advantage Gold certification
   d. BIFMA Standard X7.1-2005, as tested to BIFMA method M7.1-2005 and as verified by an independent laboratory
   d. Calculated indoor air concentration limits for furniture systems and seating determined by the U.S. EPA’s Environmental Technology Verification Large Chamber Test Protocol for Measuring Emissions of VOCs and Aldehydes (September 1999) testing protocol as conducted in an independent air quality testing laboratory

21. Entryway Systems: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets for all walk-off systems installed to capture particulates, including permanently installed grates, grilles, slotted systems, direct glue-down walk-off mats, and non-permanent roll-out mats.

22. Air Filtration: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets and product data highlighting the following:
   a. Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) for filtration media in all air handling units (AHUs) per ASHRAE HVAC Design Manual for Hospitals and Clinics.
   b. Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) for filtration media installed at return air grilles during construction if permanently installed AHUs are used during construction. See above for requirements

23. Mercury in Lighting: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets or product data for all fluorescent or HID lamps highlighting mercury content.

24. Lighting Controls: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets and shop drawing documentation highlighting all lighting controls systems components.
25. Thermal Comfort Controls: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets and shop drawing documentation highlighting all thermal comfort-control systems components.

26. Blended Cement: It is the intent of this specification to reduce CO₂ emissions and other environmentally detrimental effects resulting from the production of portland cement by requiring that all concrete mixes, in aggregate, utilize blended cement mixes to displace portland cement as specified in Section 03 30 00, CONCRETE typically included in conventional construction. Provide the following submittals:
   a. Copies of concrete design mixes for all installed concrete
   b. Copies of typical regional baseline concrete design mixes for all compressive strengths used on the Project
   c. Quantities in cubic yards of each installed concrete mix

27. Gypsum Wall Board: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets or product data verifying that all gypsum wallboard products are moisture and mold-resistant.

28. Fiberglass Insulation: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets or product data verifying that fiberglass batt insulation contains no urea-formaldehyde.

29. Duct Acoustical Insulation: Provide manufacturer’s cut sheets or product data verifying that mechanical sound insulation materials in air distribution ducts consists of an impervious, non-porous coatings that prevent dust from accumulating in the insulating materials.

30. Green Housekeeping: Provide documentation that all cleaning products and janitorial paper products meet the VOC limits and content requirements of this specification section.

B. Project Materials Cost Data: Provide a spreadsheet in an electronic file indicating the total cost for the Project and the total cost of building materials used for the Project, as follows:

1. Not more than 60 days after the Preconstruction Meeting, the General Contractor shall provide to the Owner and Architect a preliminary schedule of materials costs for all materials used for the Project organized by specification section. Exclude labor costs and all mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems materials and labor costs. Include the following:
a. Identify each reused or salvaged material, its cost, and its replacement value.

b. Identify each recycled-content material, its post-consumer and pre-consumer recycled content as a percentage the product’s weight, its cost, its combined recycled content value (defined as the sum of the post-consumer recycled content value plus one-half of the pre-consumer recycled content value), and the total combined recycled content value for all materials as a percentage of total materials costs.

c. Identify each regional material, its cost, its manufacturing location, the distance of this location from the Project site, the source location for each raw material component of the material, the distance of these extraction locations from the Project site, and the total value of regional materials as a percentage of total materials costs.

d. Identify each biobased material, its source, its cost, and the total value of biobased materials as a percentage of total materials costs. Also provide the total value of rapidly renewable materials (materials made from plants that are harvested in less than a 10-year cycle) as a percentage of total materials costs.

e. Identify each wood-based material, its cost, the total wood-based materials cost, each FSC Certified wood material, its cost, and the total value of Certified wood as a percentage of total wood-based materials costs.

2. Provide final versions of the above spreadsheets to the Owner and Architect not more than 14 days after Substantial Completion.

C. Construction Waste Management: See Section 01 74 19 “Construction Waste Management” for submittal requirements.

D. Construction Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management: Submittals must include the following:

1. Not more than 30 days after the Preconstruction Meeting, prepare and submit for the Architect and Owner’s approval, an electronic copy of the draft Construction IAQ Management Plan in an electronic file including, but not limited to, descriptions of the following:

2. Instruction procedures for meeting or exceeding the minimum requirements of the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning National Contractors Association (SMACNA) IAQ Guidelines for Occupied
Buildings Under Construction, 1995, Chapter 3, including procedures for HVAC Protection, Source Control, Pathway Interruption, Housekeeping, and Scheduling

a. Instruction procedures for protecting absorptive materials stored on-site or installed from moisture damage

b. Schedule of submission to Architect of photographs of on-site construction IAQ management measures such as protection of ducts and on-site stored oil installed absorptive materials

c. Instruction procedures if air handlers must be used during construction, including a description of filtration media to be used at each return air grille

d. Instruction procedure for replacing all air-filtration media immediately prior to occupancy after completion of construction, including a description of filtration media to be used at each air handling or air supply unit

3. Not more than 30 days following receipt of the approved draft CIAQMP, submit an electronic copy of the approved CIAQMP in an electronic file, along with the following:

a. Manufacturer's cut sheets and product data highlighting the Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) for all filtration media to be installed at return air grilles during construction if permanently installed AHUs are used during construction.

b. Manufacturer’s cut sheets and product data highlighting the Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) for filtration media in all air handling units (AHUs).

4. Not more than 14 days after Substantial Completion provide the following:

a. Documentation verifying required replacement of air filtration media in all air handling units (AHUs) after the completion of construction and prior to occupancy and, if applicable, required installation of filtration during construction.

b. Minimum of 18 Construction photographs: Six photographs taken on three different occasions during construction of the SMACNA approaches employed, along with a brief description of each approach, documenting implementation of the IAQ management measures, such as protection of ducts and on-site stored or installed absorptive materials.
c. A copy of the report from testing and inspecting agency
documenting the results of IAQ testing, demonstrating conformance
with IAQ testing procedures and requirements defined in Section
01 81 09 “Testing for Indoor Air Quality.”

SPEC WRITER NOTE: This requirement that
the Contractor provide IAQ testing
results is only applicable if the
Contractor is responsible for getting the
IAQ testing done. In some cases it may be
more appropriate for the Owner to
contract separately for this testing.

E. Commissioning: See Section 01 91 00 “General Commissioning
Requirements” for submittal requirements.

F. Sustainable Design Progress Reports: Concurrent with each Application
for Payment, submit reports for the following:
1. Construction Waste Management: Waste reduction progress reports and
logs complying with the requirements of Section 01 74 19
“Construction Waste Management.”
2. Construction IAQ Management: See details below under Section 3.2
Construction Indoor Air Quality Management for Construction IAQ
management progress report requirements.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Preconstruction Meeting: After award of Contract and prior to the
commencement of the Work, schedule and conduct meeting with Owner,
Architect, and all Subcontractors to discuss the Construction Waste
Management Plan, the required Construction Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)
Management Plan, and all other Sustainable Design Requirements. The
purpose of this meeting is to develop a mutual understanding of the
Project’s Sustainable Design Requirements and coordination of the
Contractor’s management of these requirements with the Contracting
Officer and the Construction Quality Manager.

B. Construction Job Conferences: The status of compliance with the
Sustainable Design Requirements of these specifications will be an
agenda item at all regular job meetings conducted during the course of
work at the site.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Site Clearing: Topsoil shall be provided by the Contractor from on-site
material which has been stockpiled for reuse. Off-site borrow should
only be used when on-site sources are exhausted. Chip and/or compost on site all vegetated material identified for removal.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Site Clearing: Using topsoil from the site and chipping woody material on site for mulch reduces transportation impacts and avoids the effect of producing topsoil and mulch at remote sites. During site-selection and design, any ecologically sensitive areas should be identified and addressed via protection and/or mitigation. Plant rescue should be carried out if appropriate.

B. Do not burn rubbish, organic matter, etc. or any material on the site. Dispose of legally in accordance with Specifications Sections 01 74 19.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Burning of rubbish, organic material, and other material on-site contributes to air pollution.

C. Roofing Materials: All roofing systems, other than vegetated roof systems, must comply with the following requirements:
1. Low-Sloped roofing less than or equal to 2:12 slope must have an SRI of at least 78.
2. Steep-Sloped roofing greater than 2:12 slope must have an SRI of at least 29.
3. Roofing Materials: Light-colored, reflective, and high-emissivity roofing helps to reduce localized heat build-up from roof surfaces that contribute to the urban heat island effect.

D. Exterior Lighting Fixtures:
1. All exterior luminaires must emit 0% of the total initial designed fixture lumens at an angle above 90° from nadir and/or meet the requirements of the Dark Sky certification program.
2. Exterior lighting cannot exceed 80% of the lighting power densities defined by ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2004, Exterior Lighting Section, without amendments.
3. No lighting of building facades or landscape features is permitted.

SPEC WRITER NOTES:
1. Exterior Lighting Fixtures: Light trespass represents wasted energy, diminishes views of the night sky, creates potentially unsafe visual conditions, and interferes with critical functions of nocturnal wildlife.
2. Exterior lighting should be designed in accordance with IESNA RP-33 and RP-20. The International Dark-Sky Association’s Fixture Seal-of-Approval program, and a
list of approved fixtures, can be found at http://www.darksky.org.

E. Herbicides and Pest Control: Herbicides shall not be permitted, and pest control measures shall utilize EPA-registered biopesticides only.

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Herbicides and Pest Control: Herbicides should be avoided because they can have unwanted side-effects and may accumulate in water and soils. Unwanted plants can be removed or managed manually. Biopesticides are usually inherently less toxic than chemical pesticides, are highly targeted, and are not usually persistent. Integrated pest management provides the effective management of pests using the least-toxic available strategies; for more, see http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm.

F. Landscape Irrigation: Use water-efficient landscape and irrigation strategies, including water reuse and recycling, to reduce outdoor potable water consumption by a minimum of 50 percent over that consumed by conventional means (plant species and plant densities).

G. Water-Conserving Fixtures: Plumbing fixtures and fittings shall use in aggregate at least 20% less water than the water use baseline calculated for the building after meeting the Energy Policy Act of 1992 fixture performance requirements. Flow and flush rates shall not exceed the following:

1. Toilets: no more than 1.3 gallons per flush, otherwise be dual flush 1.6/0.8 gallons per flush, and have documented bowl evacuation capability per MaP testing of at least 400 grams

2. Urinals: Waterless or Water sense rated with no more than 0.5 gallons per flush.

3. Lavatory Faucets: 0.5 gpm with automatic faucet controls

4. Kitchen Sink Lavatories: 2.2 gpm

5. Showerheads: no more than 1.5gpm

H. Process Water Use: Employ strategies that in aggregate result in 20% less water use than the process water use baseline for the building after meeting the commercial equipment and HVAC performance requirements as listed in the Table below. For equipment not addressed by EPACT 2005 or the list below, additional equipment performance requirements may be proposed provided documentation supporting the proposed benchmark or industry standard is submitted.

1. Clothes Washer: 7.5 gallons/cubic foot/cycle
2. Dishwasher with Racks: 1.0 gallons/rack
3. Ice Machine: 20 gallons/100 pounds ice for machines making over 175 pounds of ice per day; 30 gallons/100 pounds ice for machines making less than 175 ice per day. Avoid water-cooled machines.
4. Food Steamer: 2 gallons/hour. Use only boilerless steamers.
5. Pre-Rinse Spray Valves: 1.4 gallons/minute
6. Kitchen Pot-Washing Sinks: 2.2 gallons/minute
7. Cooling Towers: 2.3 gallons/ton-hr. water loss

SPEC WRITER NOTES:
1. Cooling Tower Water Use: Threshold of 2.3 gallons per ton assumes reasonably aggressive water management and moderate-mineral-content in replacement water. Note that some chemicals used to treat cooling tower water are toxic, and their use should be minimized.
2. In all cases: Prohibit once-through cooling systems and non-recirculating evaporative coolers.

I. Elimination of CFCs AND HCFCs:
1. Ozone Protection and Greenhouse Gas Reduction: Base building cooling equipment shall contain no refrigerants other than the following: HCFC-123, HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-407c, or HFC 410a.
2. Fire suppression systems may not contain ozone-depleting substances such as halon 1301 and 1211.
3. Extruded polystyrene insulation (XPS) and closed-cell spray foam polyurethane insulation shall not be manufactured with hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) blowing agents.

SPEC WRITER NOTES:
1. Extruded polystyrene (XPS) is the only rigid insulation material that is currently made with ozone-depleting compounds. The use of these blowing agents is slated for phase-out by 2010; in the meantime, XPS made without them is available from select manufacturers.
2. Spray foam closed-cell polyurethane insulation is also still often blown with HCFC’s; open-cell (low density) foams do not use CFC’s

J. Appliances and Equipment: All materials and equipment being installed that falls under the Energy Star or FEMP programs must be Energy Star or FEMP-rated. Eligible equipment includes refrigerators, motors,
laundry equipment, office equipment and more. Refer to each program’s website for a complete list.

K. HVAC Distribution Efficiency:
1. All duct systems shall be constructed of aluminum, stainless steel or galvanized sheet metal, as deemed appropriate based on the application requirements. No fiberglass duct board shall be permitted.
2. All medium- and high-pressure ductwork systems shall be pressure-tested in accordance with the current SMACNA standards.
3. All ductwork shall be externally insulated. No interior duct liner shall be permitted.
4. Where possible, all air terminal connections shall be hard-connected with sheet metal ductwork. If flexible ductwork is used, no flexible duct extension shall be more than six feet in length.
5. All HVAC equipment shall be isolated from the ductwork system with flexible duct connectors to minimize the transmittance of vibration.
6. All supply and return air branch ducts shall include the appropriate style of volume damper. Air terminal devices such as grilles, registers, and diffusers shall be balanced at duct branch dampers, not at terminal face.

1. The IPMVP provides guidance on situation-appropriate application of measurement and verification strategies.

M. Salvaged or Reused materials: There shall be no substitutions for specified salvaged and reused materials and products.

N. Recycled Content of Materials:
1. Provide building materials with recycled content such that post-consumer recycled content value plus half the pre-consumer recycled content value constitutes a minimum of 30% of the cost of materials used for the Project, exclusive of all MEP equipment, labor, and delivery costs. The Contractor shall make all attempts to maximize the procurement of materials with recycled content.
a. The post-consumer recycled content value of a material shall be determined by dividing the weight of post-consumer recycled content by the total weight of the material and multiplying by the cost of the material.

b. Do not include mechanical and electrical components in the calculations.

c. Do not include labor and delivery costs in the calculations.

d. Recycled content of materials shall be defined according to the Federal Trade Commission’s “Guide for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims,” 16 CFR 260.7 (e).

e. Utilize all on-site existing paving materials that are scheduled for demolition as granulated fill, and include the cost of this material had it been purchased in the calculations for recycled content value.

f. The materials in the following list must contain the minimum recycled content indicated:

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O. Biobased Content:

1. For products designated by the USDA’s BioPreferred program, provide products that meet or exceed USDA recommendations for biobased content, so long as products meet all other performance requirements in VA master specifications. For more information regarding the product categories covered by the BioPreferred program, visit http://www.biopreferred.gov

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