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Faceplates and Connectors for Telecommunications Systems

Part 1 - General

1.1 Work Included

- A. Provide all labor, materials, tools and equipment required for the complete installation of work called for in the Construction Documents

1.2 Scope of Work

- A. This document describes the products and execution requirements relating to furnishing and installing faceplates and connectors. Communications faceplates and connectors are covered under this document.
- B. The Communication Equipment Room shall support a minimum of (4) 4-pair Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP) Copper Cables to each work area outlet unless otherwise noted for specific locations. The cables shall be installed from the Work Area Outlet to the Telecommunications Room (TR) located on the same floor, and routed to the appropriate rack serving that area and terminated as specified in this document.
- C. This section includes minimum requirements for the following:
 - Faceplates
 - Copper patch cords and modular connectors
- D. All cables and related terminations, support and grounding hardware shall be furnished, installed, wired, tested, labeled, and documented by the telecommunications contractor as detailed in this document.
- E. Product specifications, general design considerations, and installation guidelines are provided in this document. Quantities of telecommunications outlets, typical installation details, cable routing and outlet types will be provided as an attachment to this document.

1.3 Regulatory References

A. The following industry standards are the basis for the structured cabling system described in this document.

1. TIA/EIA

- TIA/EIA-568-B Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling Standard
- TIA/EIA-569-A Commercial Building Standard for Telecom Pathways
- TIA/EIA-606 Administration Standard for the Telecommunications Infrastructure of Commercial Building
- TIA/EIA-607 Commercial Building Grounding/Bonding Requirements

2. NFPA

- NFPA-70 National Electric Code (NEC)-1999

3. ISO/IEC

- ISO/IEC 11801 Generic Cabling for Customer Premises

B. The most recent versions of all documents shall apply to this project. If there is a conflict between applicable documents, the order above shall dictate the order of precedence in resolving the issue unless an enforceable local or national code is in effect.

Part 2 - Products

2.1 Equivalent Products

All outlets shall utilize fully the interchangeable and individual connector modules that mount side by side to facilitate quick and easy moves, adds and changes. All outlets and surface mount boxes shall be available in four colors including Off White.

2.2 Faceplates

Faceplates shall be one, two, and four single gang faceplates with combination head screws, screw covers, labels, label covers. The faceplates shall mount to standard U.S. NEMA boxes and adapters with screw-to-screw dimensions of 3.28" (83.3mm).

- A. Patch Cords will be stranded copper and be provided by the contractor, color specified by OT

Part 3 - Execution

3.1 Faceplate Configurations

- A. Faceplates shall be a four position unless a requirement for more than four positions is needed. Color of faceplate shall be match color specified by MAA/OT per approved products section S9 for specific location.
- B. Wall phone Faceplate. Provide a wall mounted shall be flush modular faceplate to house a single work area jack. The faceplate shall fit over a standard NEMA dual gang electrical outlet box fitted with a single gang plaster ring cover and shall be stainless steel. The faceplate shall have a wall-mounted telephone fitted directly over it.
- C. Furniture Faceplate. Shall be a flush mounted modular faceplate to house work area jacks, capable of housing a minimum of two jacks. The faceplate shall fit into a modular furniture raceway.
 - Provide (4) Category 6. Two (2) blue jacket for Data, and two (2) white for Voice distribution cables running from each outlet back to the specified patch panel in the Communications Room (Distribution Frame) using the cable tray and conduit infrastructure.
 - Terminate each Category 6 (Cat-6) distribution cable at each end on specified jack, terminations shall be the 568B wiring scheme.
 - Face plates, jacks, labels and icons. Primary voice jack shall be Gray secondary jack shall be Black, faceplate shall be White. Primary data jack shall be Red secondary jack shall be Yellow faceplate should be Fog White per section S9.

3.2 Horizontal Distribution Cable Installation

Cable shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and best industry practices.

A pull cord (nylon; 1/8" minimum) shall be co-installed with all cable installed in any conduit.

Cable raceways shall not be filled greater than the TIA/EIA-569-A maximum fill for the raceway type or 40% whichever is greater.

Cables shall be installed in continuous lengths from origin to destination (no splices)

The cable's minimum bend radius and maximum pulling tension shall not be exceeded.

If a J-hook or trapeze system is used (with variance) to support cable bundles all horizontal cables shall be supported at a maximum of 48 to 60 inch (1.2 to 1.5 meter) intervals. At no point, shall cable(s) rest on acoustic ceiling grids or panels.

Horizontal distribution cables shall be bundled in groups of no more than 48 cables. Cable bundle quantities more than 48 cables may cause deformation of the bottom cables within the bundle and degrade cable performance.

Cable shall be installed above fire-sprinkler systems and shall not be attached to the system or any ancillary equipment or hardware. The cable system and support hardware shall be installed so that it does not obscure any valves, fire alarm conduit, boxes, or other control devices.

Cables shall not be attached to ceiling grid or lighting fixture wires. Where support for horizontal cable is required, the contractor shall install appropriate carriers to support the cabling.

Any cable damaged or exceeding recommended installation parameters during installation shall be replaced by the contractor prior to final acceptance at no cost to the Owner.

Cables shall be identified by a self-adhesive label in accordance with the System Documentation Section of this specification and ANSI/TIA/EIA-606. The cable label shall be applied to the cable behind the faceplate on a section of cable that can be accessed by removing the cover plate.

Unshielded twisted pair cable shall be installed so that there are no bends smaller than four times the cable outside diameter at any point in the run and at the termination field.

Pulling tension on 4-pair UTP cables shall not exceed 25-lbf for a four-pair UTP cable.

3.3 Horizontal Installation

Cables shall be dressed and terminated in accordance with the recommendations made in the TIA/EIA-568-B standard, manufacturer's recommendations and best industry practices and in a professional manner.

Pair untwist at the termination shall not exceed 3.18 mm (0.5 inch).

Bend radius of the cable in the termination area shall not exceed 4 times the outside diameter of the cable.

Cables shall be neatly bundled and dressed to their respective panels or blocks. Each panel or block shall be fed by an individual bundle separated and dressed back to the point of cable entrance into the rack or frame with the use of Velcro straps.

The cable jacket shall be maintained as close as possible to the termination point.

Each cable shall be clearly labeled on the cable jacket behind the patch panel at a location that can be viewed without removing the bundle support ties. Cables labeled within the bundle, where the label is obscured from view shall not be acceptable.

Each cable shall be clearly labeled at the entrance to the splice enclosure. Cables labeled as the bundle shall not be acceptable.

3.4 Identification and Labeling

- A. Labeling will be followed per section S7 270553-TC, prior to labeling a sample will be submitted to OT Engineer for approval.

3.5 Testing and Acceptance

A. General

1. All cables and termination hardware shall be 100% tested for defects in installation and to verify cabling system performance under installed conditions per the requirements of ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B, TSB-67 and TSB-155. All pairs of each installed cable shall be verified prior to system acceptance. Any defect in the cabling system installation including but not limited to cable, connectors, feed through couplers, patch panels, and connector blocks shall be repaired or replaced in order to ensure 100% useable conductors in all cables installed.
2. All cables shall be tested in accordance with this document, the ANSI/TIA/EIA standards. If any of these are in conflict, the Contractor shall bring any discrepancies to the attention of the project team for clarification and resolution.

B. Testing

All twisted-pair copper cable links shall be tested for continuity, pair reversals, shorts, opens and performance as indicated below. Additional testing is required to verify Category performance. Horizontal cabling shall be tested using a level IV test unit for category 6 or category 6 performance compliance, respectively.

Continuity - Each pair of each installed cable shall be tested using a test unit that shows opens, shorts, polarity and pair-reversals, crossed pairs and split pairs. Shielded/screened cables shall be tested with a device that verifies shield continuity in addition to the above stated tests. The test shall be recorded as pass/fail as indicated by the test unit in accordance with the manufacturers' recommended procedures, and referenced to the appropriate cable identification number and circuit or pair number. Any faults in the wiring shall be corrected and the cable re-tested prior to final acceptance.

Length - The cables shall be tested from patch panel to patch panel, block to block, patch panel to outlet or block to outlet as appropriate. The cable length shall conform to the maximum distances set forth in the ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B Standard. Cable lengths shall be recorded, referencing the cable identification number and circuit or pair number.

The four basic tests required in TSB-67 are:

- Wire Map
- Length
- Attenuation
- NEXT (Near end crosstalk)

Four additional tests are required per TSB-155:

- Return Loss
- ELFEXT Loss
- Propagation Delay
- Delay skew

In Amendment 5, two additional tests are required:

- PSNEXT (Power sum near-end crosstalk loss)
- PSELFEXT (Power sum equal level far-end crosstalk loss)

Where links are combined to complete a circuit between devices, the Contractor shall test each link from end to end to ensure the performance of the system. **ONLY BASIC LINK TEST IS REQUIRED.** The contractor can optionally install patch cords to complete the circuit and then test the entire channel. The test method shall be the same used for the test described above.

3.6 Documentation

- A. Upon completion of the installation, the telecommunications contractor shall provide a sample of testing to the MAA/OT for approval. Documentation shall include the items detailed in the sub-sections below.
- B. Documentation shall be submitted within ten (10) working days of the completion of each testing phase. This is inclusive of all test results and draft as-built drawings. Draft drawings may include annotations done by hand. Machine generated (final) copies of all drawings shall be submitted within 30 working days of the completion of each testing phase. At the request of the OT Engineer, the telecommunications contractor shall provide copies of the original test results.
- C. MAA/OT may perform a 10% random field re-test be conducted on the cable system, at no additional cost to the owner, to verify documented findings. Tests shall be a repeat of those defined above. If findings contradict the documentation submitted by the telecommunications contractor, additional testing shall be required to the extent determined necessary by

the OT Engineer, including a 100% re-test. This re-test shall be at no additional cost to the Owner.

- D. **Test Results** documentation shall be provided on disk (electronic media) within three weeks after the completion of the project. The disk shall be clearly marked on the outside front cover with the words "Project Test Documentation", the project name, and the date of completion (month and year). The results shall include a record of test frequencies, cable type, conductor pair and cable (or outlet) I.D., measurement direction, reference setup, and crew member name(s). The test equipment name, manufacturer, model number, serial number, software version and last calibration date will also be provided at the end of the document. Unless the manufacturer specifies a more frequent calibration cycle, an annual calibration cycle is anticipated on all test equipment used for this installation. The test document shall detail the test method used and the specific settings of the equipment during the test as well as the software version being used in the field test equipment.
- E. The field test equipment shall meet the requirements of ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B including applicable TSB's and amendments. The appropriate level IV tester shall be used to verify Category 6 cabling systems.
- F. Printouts generated for each cable by the wire (or fiber) test instrument can be submitted as part of the documentation package. The telecommunications contractor shall furnish this information in electronic form (compact disc). These discs shall contain the electronic equivalent of the test results as defined by the bid specification and be of a format readable from Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel.
- G. When repairs and re-tests are performed, the problem found and corrective action taken shall be noted, and both the failed and passed test data shall be documented.

The **As-Built** drawings shall include cable routes and outlet locations. Their sequential number as defined elsewhere in this document shall identify outlet locations. Numbering, icons, and drawing conventions used shall be consistent throughout all documentation provided. The Owner will provide floor plans in paper and electronic (DWG, AutoCAD) formats on which as-built construction information can be added when available. These documents shall be modified accordingly by the telecommunications contractor to denote as-built information as defined above and returned to the Owner.