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RELIABILITY CENTERED ACCEPTANCE FOR SUPERSTRUCTURE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS
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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for Reliability Centered Building and Equipment Acceptance for Superstructures Performance requirements (bridges, cranes, towers, locks, storage tanks, etc.). The contents universally apply to structural systems and may be utilized by other organizations, if deemed beneficial.

Refer to Section 01 83 00.07 40 RELIABILITY CENTERED ACCEPTANCE FOR FACILITY SHELLS (foundations, structure, walls, openings, roofs, insulation and vapor barrier systems, etc.).

Refer to Section 01 86 12.07 40 RELIABILITY CENTERED ACCEPTANCE FOR MECHANICAL SYSTEMS for HVAC and plumbing systems.

Refer to Section 01 86 26.07 40 RELIABILITY CENTERED ACCEPTANCE FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS for facility electrical power and distribution systems.

Adhere to [UFC 1-300-02](#) Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable item(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a [Criteria Change Request \(CCR\)](#).

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)

RCBEA GUIDE

(2004) NASA Reliability Centered Building and Equipment Acceptance Guide

1.2 SUBMITTALS

NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list, and corresponding submittal items in the text, to reflect only the submittals required for the project. The Guide Specification technical editors have classified those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G." Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a "G" to an item, if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For Army projects, fill in the empty brackets following the "G" classification, with a code of up to three characters to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes

following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.

The "S" classification indicates submittals required as proof of compliance for sustainability Guiding Principles Validation or Third Party Certification and as described in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.

Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" or "S" classification. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.][for information only. When used, a code following the "G" classification identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-01 Preconstruction Submittals

Material, Equipment, and Fixture Lists[; G[, [____]]]

Quality Control Plan[; G[, [____]]]

SD-02 Shop Drawings

Fabrication Drawings[; G[, [____]]]

Layout Drawings[; G[, [____]]]

SD-03 Product Data

Manufacturer's Catalog Data[; G[, [____]]]

Specific Equipment Data[; G[, [____]]]

Spare Parts List[; G[, [____]]]

Warranty[; G[, [____]]]

SD-04 Samples

Samples[; G[, [____]]]

SD-06 Test Reports

Alignment (Laser preferred)[; G[, [____]]]

Balance Test and Measurement[; G[, [____]]]

Hydrostatic Test[; G[, [____]]]

Infrared Thermography Test[; G[, [____]]]

Mechanical Performance Test[; G[, [____]]]

Tank Integrity Test[; G[, [____]]]

Ultrasonic (Airborne) Test[; G[, [____]]]

Verification of Liquid Level[; G[, [____]]]

Verification of Relief Devices[; G[, [____]]]

Visual Inspection[; G[, [____]]]

SD-07 Certificates

Certificates[; G[, [____]]]

SD-08 Manufacturer's Instructions

Manufacturer's Instructions[; G[, [____]]]

SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

Operations and Maintenance Manuals[; G[, [____]]]

SD-11 Closeout Submittals

Acceptance Documentation[; G[, [____]]]

Baseline Data Report[; G[, [____]]]

1.3 QUALITY CONTROL

Submit a quality control plan outlining the intended methods of receiving, testing, and installing equipment and structural components. Ensure that the plan meets the minimum testmg and test equipment requirements specified in the **RCBEA GUIDE**. To ensure that the results are accurate and consistent, use personnel who have been trained and certified in the appropriate acceptance testing PT&I technologies. Submit the following as part of the **quality control plan** for required acceptance testing:

- a. List of test equipment used, including the manufacturer, model number, calibration date, certificate of calibration, and serial number.
- b. Certificates showing the qualifications and certifications of test personnel.

1.4 WARRANTY

Submit a workmanship and performance **warranty** directly to the Government for the work performed for a period at least [1][____] years from the date of Government acceptance of the work. Perform corrective action that becomes necessary because of defective materials and workmanship while the system is under warranty within [7][____] calendar days of notification, unless additional time is approved by the Contracting Officer. Failure to perform repairs within the specified period constitutes grounds for having the corrective action and repairs performed by others and billing the cost to the Contractor. Provide a Contractor installation warranty that covers a period of at least [1][____] year.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

This guide specification establishes acceptance requirements to ensure that equipment and structural systems meet omstallation requiements and contain no identifiable defects that will shorten the design life of the equipment or structure. These requirements use PT&I technologies and are essential elements in the Government's Reliability Centered Building and Equipment Acceptance (RCBEA) Program.

This guide specification is not intended to limit the inspection and acceptance process to the use of PT&I techniques. This guide is intended to supplement comprehensive and detailed commissioning and quality control specifications.

2.2 PRODUCT DATA

Before starting work, submit [material, equipment, and fixture lists](#) for equipment, structural components, materials, and fixtures planned for use to complete the job. Include the item's description, quantity, manufacturer's style or catalog numbers, and specification and drawing reference numbers. List the construction equipment to be used.

Provide product [samples](#) for structural system components, including samples of [_____] [penetrations][, fasteners][, and finish color swatches], for the Contracting Officer's approval before starting work or ordering materials. Size samples to clearly illustrate product features and characteristics.

2.2.1 Manufacturer's Product Data

Include manufacturer's standard catalog data, at least [5 weeks][_____] before the purchase or installation of a particular component, highlighted to show material, size, options, and equipment performance data charts and curves and in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with contract requirements. Include the manufacturer's installation instructions and procedures. If vibration isolation is specified for a component, include vibration isolator literature containing catalog cuts and certification that the isolation characteristics of the isolators provided meet the manufacturer's recommendations. Submit product data for each specified component.

Submit [fabrication drawings](#) for equipment and structural components. Ensure that drawings contain details on fabrication and assembly details to be performed in the factory.

Submit [manufacturer's catalog data](#) for the following equipment and structural components:

- [a. Cranes
-][b. Structural components
-][c. Tanks and storage tank pressurized
-][d. Tanks and storage tank unpressurized
-][e. Towers

][f. [_____]

]2.2.2 Certification Data

Submit [certificates](#) for the equipment and structural components listed below showing conformance with test requirements and laboratory certifications.

[a. Cranes

][b. Structural components

][c. Tanks and storage tank pressurized

][d. Tanks and storage tank unpressurized

][e. Towers

]2.2.3 Specific Equipment Data

Submit the following information for equipment and structural components listed below: location of installation, Identification number, date of installation (required or actual acceptance date), and reference drawing number. Unless explicitly stated in the manufacturer's submitted literature, submit the following [specific equipment data](#):

[a. Cranes

][(1) [Alignment \(laser preferred\)](#)

][(2) [Balance Test and Measurement](#)

][(3) [Mechanical Performance Test](#)

][b. Tanks and storage tank pressurized

][(1) Tank identification (type)

][(2) Volume

][(3) [Hydrostatic Test](#)

][c. Tanks and storage tank unpressurized

][(1) Tank identification (storage solution type)

][(2) Volume in U.S. gallons

][(3) Hydrostatic Test

][d. Structural components

][(1) Alignment (laser preferred)

][(2) [Infrared Thermography Test](#)

]2.2.4 Extra Materials

Submit a spare parts list with data for each item of material and equipment specified, after approval of detail drawings and at least [_____] months before the date of beneficial occupancy. List parts and supplies, providing current unit prices and sources of supply, and list spare parts for 12 months of operation. List parts that the manufacturer recommends replacing after [1] [and] [_____] years of service.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

Perform visual inspection on the equipment and structural components listed below as instructed by the RCBEA GUIDE. Correct abnormalities or defects.

- [a. Cranes
-]b. Structural components
-]c. Tanks and storage tank pressurized
-]d. Tanks and storage tank unpressurized
-]e. Towers

]3.2 INSTALLATION

Submit layout drawings for installed equipment and structural components, including assembly drawings, manufacturer's instructions, installation details, and connection diagrams.

3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL AND ACCEPTANCE TESTING

NOTE: The acceptance criteria, as defined in this specification, may also be used to establish the required baselines for future maintenance.

At the Government's option, the Government may elect to have acceptance testing performed by Government or designated third-party personnel instead of the Contractor. This option can be exercised on a case-by-case basis. Regardless of who performs the acceptance testing, the Contractor's compliance with the requirements of acceptance is mandatory.

Deliver equipment and services that meet the contract requirements and specifications. Ensure that equipment is free of latent manufacturing and installation defects, and that acceptance criteria are met. Perform acceptance testing using both traditional and PT&I technologies. The Government will observe and monitor the acceptance testing, analysis, and documentation as part of the Government's Quality Assurance Program. Satisfactory completion of acceptance requirements is required to obtain Government approval and acceptance of the Contractor's work.

3.3.1 Predictive Testing and Inspection Tests

NOTE: Predictive Testing and Inspection (PT&I) involves the use of acceptance and inspection techniques that are nonintrusive and nondestructive in order to avoid introducing problems. It also involves the use of data collection devices, data analysis, and computer databases to store and trend information. Typical PT&I technologies used during equipment and structural component acceptance include: infrared thermography, airborne ultrasonics, integrity testing, and verification of liquid levels and relief devices.

The PT&I tests prescribed in this section are **MANDATORY** for all assets and systems identified as Critical, Configured, or Mission-Essential. Unless the PT&I test is designated as "optional," do not remove the requirement from this specification. If the system is noncritical, nonconfigured, and not mission-essential, use sound engineering discretion to assess the value of adding these additional test and acceptance requirements.

Enhanced acceptance criteria may increase contractor cost, and therefore cost. It is not the intent of these acceptance criteria to unnecessarily drive up the cost of equipment installations and contractor work. If the cost of the added inspections and the cost of enhanced equipment designs outweigh their performance and life-cycle value, then do not use overly restrictive acceptance criteria. The acceptance criteria should define the "minimum" limits essential for a high-quality installation. See the RCBEA GUIDE for additional information regarding cost feasibility of PT&I.

Perform the following PT&I tests in accordance with the requirements and criteria established in the **RCBEA GUIDE**. Include test point locations in submitted reports.

a. Perform alignment (laser preferred) for:

(1) Structural components

Perform an alignment survey/test of the structural components as part of the preoperational check for desired levelness, voids in components, or the presence of contact gaps.

b. Perform Infrared Thermography Test for:

(1) Structural components

Perform a thermographic survey of the structural components infrared thermography as part of the preoperational check for voids in components or the presence of contact gaps.

The Government may perform a thermographic survey on the installed structural components after [90] [_____] days of operation or [90] [_____] days from the installation acceptance date, but no later than one year from acceptance date. If deficiencies are identified within the warranty period for the construction contract, correct defects at no additional cost to the Government.

- c. Perform **Tank Integrity Test** for:
 - (1) Tanks and storage tank pressurized
 - (2) Tanks and storage tank unpressurized
- d. Perform **Ultrasonic (Airborne) Test** for:
 - (1) Weldments [optional]
- e. Perform **Verification of Liquid Level** for:
 - (1) Tanks and storage tank pressurized
 - (2) Tanks and storage tank unpressurized
- f. Perform **Verification of Relief Devices** for:
 - (1) Tanks and storage tank pressurized
 - (2) Tanks and storage tank unpressurized

3.3.2 Baseline Data from Verification Testing

NOTE: PT&I data allows for effective planning and scheduling of maintenance or repairs so that consequences from failure can be minimized or eliminated. For PT&I data to be effective, initial baseline data, normally taken at inception, is needed for comparisons and trending. From an equipment acceptance perspective, PT&I testing has become one of the most effective methods for testing new and in-service equipment for hidden defects.

Ensuring that facilities and equipment meet acceptance criteria and obtaining and documenting critical baseline data is extremely important during the construction phase. As RCM decisions are made later in the life cycle, it becomes more difficult to achieve the maximum possible benefit from Reliability Centered Maintenance programs.

After PT&I tests have been completed, submit a **baseline data report** to the Contracting Officer. Summarize performance data, set points, operating parameters and PT&I test results obtained for equipment and building systems. Provide reports with a cover letter/sheet clearly marked with the System name, Date, and the words "[Preliminary] [Final] Test Report Data - Forward to the [Systems Engineer] [Condition Monitoring Office] [Predictive Testing Group] for inclusion in the Maintenance Information Database."

3.4 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Submit manufacturer's [operations and maintenance manuals](#) for the following equipment:

[a. Cranes

] [b. Tanks and storage tank pressurized

] [c. Tanks and storage tank unpressurized

] Submit [six][_____] complete copies of operations and maintenance manuals [in bound [216 by 279 8-1/2 inch by 11 inch](#) booklets] [as electronic copies], listing step-by-step procedures required for system startup, operation, abnormal shutdown, emergency shutdown, and normal shutdown. Include the manufacturer's name, model number, parts list, routine maintenance procedures, possible breakdowns and repairs, trouble shooting guide, and briefly describe items of equipment and basic operating features. Include piping and equipment layouts and simplified wiring and control diagrams of the system as installed. Where available, provide technical manuals in electronic format with Standard Graphics Markup Language. When publications are provided in electronic format, only [two][_____] copies of the document are required. Submit operations and maintenance manuals [30][_____] calendar days before testing equipment.

3.5 ACCEPTANCE DOCUMENTATION

Upon completion of the project and acceptance testing, the Contracting Officer will provide [acceptance documentation](#) to the Contractor. Complete, sign, and date this documentation and submit the documentation to the Contracting Officer for processing and approval.

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