

Volume III- General Design Requirements

This volume contains specific guidelines and standards developed to assist Consultants in designing facilities for the unique circumstances involving design and construction at the University of Chicago. They are arranged by general categories of disciplines and systems traditionally used in the design and construction of facilities. Each section may describe procedures, systems, and products that are supported within the Facilities Services Department, engineering and utilities groups, operations and maintenance best practices, and items which are standards across the University, including products which have proven to be not acceptable.

These standards do not replace professional design analyses, and Consultants are expected to conduct independent evaluations, consider beneficial alternatives, and discuss recommendations with the University. It is not intended that these standards be used directly as contract specifications. These standards represent minimum requirements, which constitute the starting point from which the consultants are expected to reach their own determinations. In addition, nothing in these standards shall be construed as allowing or requiring non-compliance with governing codes or regulatory authorities. In the event of a conflict between these standards and applicable codes or regulations, the codes or regulations shall govern. Similarly, to the extent these standards conflict with the Agreement or the contract documents, the terms of the Agreement or the contract documents shall govern.

Deviations from indicated standards must be approved in writing by the FS Project Manager prior to implementation. Suggestions for improving these standards are encouraged and should be addressed to the FS Project Manager or the Director of Project Management within the Facilities Services Department.