

## **PART 1: GENERAL**

### **1.01 General Requirements**

- A. This standard is intended to provide useful information to the Professional Service Provider (PSP) to establish a basis of design. The responsibility of the engineer is to apply the principles of this section and the ones that follow so that the Sam Houston State University may achieve a level of quality and consistency in the mechanical design of their facilities. Deviations from these guidelines must be justified through LCC analysis and submitted to the University for approval.
- B. Not used
- C. Not used.
- D. Use gravity drain of liquids at all possible places. Recover all fin water sources to the extent of economic feasibility.
- E. SHSU preference for mounting of air handler temperature control valves is for serviceability from floor without the use of ladder; maximum height 5'0" AFF. Where service valves are mounted 8 feet above the floor provide service platform, catwalk, or Roto-hammer chain wheels and safety-trimmed chains. Do not block equipment access when locating temperature control valves.
- F. Indicate required service clearances on drawings with dashed lines. Design shall provide for service and maintenance access to all equipment. Service area shall comply with codes and manufacturer's recommendations and shall be reasonably planned for human access.
- G. Design shall include plan for removal of all equipment. Plan shall indicate sizes of major pieces of equipment and clearly marked paths of removal and egress for this equipment from point of installed equipment-to-equipment loading area exterior to building. Entire egress path shall be coordinated for removal of equipment. Preference is to remove all equipment through elevators to ground level. Egress paths of equipment through removable louvers or roof cupolas are acceptable provided louver or cupolas locations are crane accessible. Coordinate with structural to add lifting beams as required to move or replace heavy equipment.
- H. Include a 0-100 psig pressure gauge on the domestic water header. Also include an electronic pressure sensor on the header, suitable for connection to University BAS system. Provide a gauge tap on the incoming water line upstream of the water meter and backflow prevention.
- I. Provide N+1 redundancy for equipment providing building utility service such as local chilled water pumps, heating hot water converters, and heating hot water pumps. N+1 redundancy shall also be provided for equipment serving critical applications such as laboratory exhaust fans.
- J. 3½" and 5" diameter pipe SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.
- K. A detailed HVAC control sequence of operations, controls system schematic diagrams, and BAS point list shall be included in the plans and specifications.
- L. Piping: All Piping & Fittings to be DOMESTIC MANUFACTURED.
- M. Construction Filters must be used to protect intakes to HVAC Units prior to beginning of construction.

- N. All instrumentation that can be damaged from construction dust or smoke must be protected prior to beginning of construction. This includes all Fire & Smoke devices that are a part of the Fire Alarm System.

**1.02 Mechanical Systems Selection:**

**A. Airside – HVAC**

1. Provide air handling units configured to serve campus buildings in accordance with these standards as minimum level and consistent with good engineering practice, zoned in a practical manner to facilitate convenient building operation, thermal performance and shutdown. Design HVAC systems with a practical number of air handling units preferably located to a common mechanical room to increase functional space within the building. The exact quantity, location, and configuration of the air handling units shall be verified through LCC analysis. The baseline system required by these standards shall be as follows:
  - a. LABS: 100% outside air, dual duct, variable air volume, central air-handling units with single duct VAV boxes with reheat coils.
    - i. Lab Exhaust – Header system connecting all chemical fume hoods, ducted bio-safety cabinets, and general lab exhaust to common lab exhaust fan system located on roof. Lab exhaust shall terminate with stack to exhaust contaminants to provide acceptable dilution and prevent recirculation of containments into building ventilation.
    - ii. Exhaust Energy Recovery – Laboratory facilities with total exhaust, excluding fume hood exhaust, greater than 15,000 CFM shall include heat energy recovery systems to precondition outside air.
    - iii. Energy recovery systems will be designed for zero cross-contamination with fume hood exhaust systems.
  - b. CLASSROOM/OFFICE/DORMITORY: Single duct, variable air volume, central air-handling units with VAV boxes with reheat coils with approval as needed. Building ventilation shall be provided by dedicated outside air pre-treatment unit(s) unless otherwise approved by SHSU
2. Utilize dedicated 100 percent outside air handling units to pre-treat ventilation air prior to delivery to main central air handling unit(s), unless otherwise approved by SHSU. Provide outside air handling units dedicated to a single or group of central air handlers consistent with prudent engineering practice and to facilitate convenient building operation and shutdown.
3. Locate building air intakes as high as possible to ensure the cleanest possible air. Devote special attention to noxious fume exhaust systems to make certain that the exhaust contents escape boundary layer entrainment and subsequent contamination of the building or its neighbors.
4. Use variable frequency drives (VFDs) for fan static pressure control.
5. Control air handling system outside air ventilation rates using a carbon dioxide based demand ventilation control strategy to reduce the total supply or outside air during periods of reduced occupancy. Monitor the carbon dioxide levels in the zones and vary ventilation rates to track a carbon dioxide offset consistent with ASHRAE 62 recommendations.

6. Provide balancing dampers at supply, return, and general exhaust branches as required to appropriately balance the system.
7. Provide night setback temperature control on classroom/office buildings. Laboratory temperature setback shall be evaluated based on specific environmental requirements of laboratory space.

**B. Waterside**

**1. Chilled Water**

- a. Use only 4 pipe Hot/Cold water systems, hot water reheat preferred.
  - b. Chilled water design supply water temperature should be 42 °F, with a minimum return water temperature of 58 °F to optimize pipe sizing for water systems. This shall be accomplished without the use of blending stations.
  - c. Modulate chilled water pumps with variable frequency drives.
  - d. Chilled water pumps shall typically be end suction type with mechanical seals and bronze fitted and connected to campus chilled water loop whenever practical.
  - e. Provide building chilled water pumps to handle full building differential pressure. Provide bypass line with check valve and isolation valves around building chilled water pumps.
  - f. Provide Isolation valves on Chill Water Pumps for removal.
  - g. When connected to a centralized distribution system, pumps shall be selected such that there is minimal impact on distribution system pressure curve. PSP shall coordinate pump selection with SHSU System Hydronic Model. Pumps shall be sized such that it will provide adequate pressure for building with 1atm suction pressure. Glycol required in water systems to prevent freezing.
2. Provide sufficient unions and flanges and valves to permit removal of equipment.
  3. Provide dielectric unions or dielectric nipples with a non-dielectric union to join dissimilar piping materials.
  4. Provide a minimum 2 inch clearance between insulated piping and other piping, structural members or other obstructions.
  5. Provide drain valves at low points and automatic air vents at high points. Automatic air vents may be used in equipment rooms piped to floor drains, while all others shall be manual air vents. Use eccentric reducers to maintain top of pipe level. Drain valves and air vents must be located such that any isolated section of the system can be properly drained and vented.
  6. For closed-loop hydronic systems, provide effective chemical water treatment to minimize effects of oxidation, scale, and other typical contaminants.

7. Provide accessible isolation valves on each floor.

1.03 Mechanical System Warranties

- A. All mechanical systems, components and controls shall be provided with a minimum 12 month warranty initiating upon substantial completion of building. Specific mechanical components may have longer warranty periods. Warranty shall be unconditional and include material, labor and response within 24 hours of notification.
- B. SHSU would like to have available purchase options for extended warranties.

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