

SECTION 27 0553 - IDENTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

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This Section uses the term "Architect" or "Engineer." Change this term to match that used to identify the design professional as defined in the General and Supplementary Conditions.

Verify that Section titles referenced in this Section are correct for this Project's Specifications; Section titles may have changed.

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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. The Contractor's attention is specifically directed, but not limited, to the following documents for additional requirements:
 - 1. The current version of the *Uniform General Conditions for Construction Contracts*, State of Texas available on the web site of the Texas Facilities Commission.
 - 2. The University of Houston's Supplemental General Conditions and Special Conditions for Construction.
 - 3. The University of Houston's *Network Infrastructure Design Standards* (available at <https://uh.edu/infotech/services/computing/networks/network-infra-standards/>).

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:

Revise subparagraph(s) below to suit Project.

- 1. Documentation practices and requirements for Communications Systems
 - 2. Required submittals
 - 3. Approved manufacturers and parts
 - 4. Detailed label requirements with examples
- B. This section defines the requirements for labeling telecommunications infrastructure as described on the Drawings and/or required by these Specifications.

1.3 PREINSTALLATION MEETINGS

- A. Preconstruction Conference: Conduct conference at [Project site] <Insert location>. The Contractor and the Facilities Project Manager lead the meeting. The UIT Project Manager must be invited to the Preinstallation meetings.

Copy subparagraph below and edit for each activity required for preconstruction conference.

- 1. <Insert activity>.

1.4 SUBMITTAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Follow the *Submittal Administrative Requirements* as stated in *Section 01 3300 Submittal Procedures*. For submittals to UIT, use electronic format only.

1.5 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. None.

1.6 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of product.
- B. Samples: For each type of label and sign to illustrate composition, size, colors, lettering style, mounting provisions, and graphic features of identification products.
- C. Identification Schedule:
 - 1. Outlets: Scaled drawings indicating location and proposed designation.
 - 2. Backbone Cabling: Riser diagram showing each Network Facility, backbone cable, and proposed backbone cable designation.
 - 3. Racks: Scaled drawings indicating location and proposed designation.
- D. Patch Panels: Enlarged scaled drawings showing rack row, number, and proposed designations.
- E. Maintain telecommunications infrastructure records in a computer spreadsheet or database. PDF is not acceptable. Prepare a record for each backbone cable. The record shall show the cable name, describe the origin point, and destination point of the cable. The cable record shall record what services and/or connections are assigned to each cable pair or strand.
- F. Provide a complete and accurate set of As-built Drawings. In the As-built Drawings, record the identifiers for major infrastructure components including the pathways, spaces and wiring portions of the infrastructure, which may have separate drawings if warranted by the complexity of the installation or the scale of the Drawings.

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Identification and administration work described in this section shall comply with the latest applicable requirements as outlined in *Section 27 0500 Communications General Provisions*.

1.8 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION

- A. All UH facilities shall apply and maintain a system for documenting and administering the telecommunications infrastructure.
- B. UH maintains a campus-wide labeling scheme for voice and data outlets and patch panels.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

The paragraph and subparagraphs in this Article demonstrate the line spacing format for subparagraphs not subordinate to the preceding subparagraph.

2.1 PARTS AND MANUFACTURERS

- A. Refer to *Section 01 2500 Substitution Procedures* for variations from approved manufacturers or parts. **Obtain written approval from University Information Technology Network Services (UITNS) before requesting a substitution for work covered by *Division 27 Communications*.**
- B. Network Facility Copper, Fiber, and Coax Backbone Cable Labels
 - 1. Panduit #LS7-75NL-1
 - 2. Brady #WML-1231-292
- C. Network Facility Copper, Fiber, and Coax Horizontal Cable Labels
 - 1. Panduit #LS7-75NL-1
 - 2. Brady #WML-317-292
- D. Work Area Copper, Fiber, and Coax Riser Cable Labels
 - 1. Panduit #LS7-75NL-1
 - 2. Brady #WML-317-292
- E. Patch Panel Labels
 - 1. Panduit #LS7-38-1
 - 2. Brady #CL-111-619
 - 3. P Touch TZe-231

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 LABEL CHARACTERISTICS, STANDARDS AND CONVENTIONS

- A. Labels shall meet the legibility, defacement, exposure and adhesion requirements of UL 969 *Standard for Marking and Labeling Systems*.
- B. The labeling scheme shall meet or exceed the requirements of ANSI/TIA-606-C.
- C. Label materials shall meet all applicable fire codes.
- D. Labels shall be resistant to environmental factors (such as moisture, heat and ultraviolet light) and have a life span equal to or greater than that of the labeled item.
- E. All labels shall be preprinted or generated by a computer or mechanical device. Handwritten labels are not acceptable, except as described in the instructions for labeling faceplates.
- F. Outside plant labels shall remain waterproof even when submerged.

- G. Other types of labels, such as tie-on labels, may be used. However, the label must be appropriate for the environment in which it is used, and must be used in the manner intended by the manufacturer.

3.2 LABELING PROCEDURES

- A. To be consistent with applicable standards and industry practices, labeling and color coding shall be applied to all telecommunications infrastructure components. A label shall carry a unique identifier that denotes a specific component. Color coding shall allow personnel to quickly identify how the component is used in the overall telecommunications infrastructure of the facility. Infrastructure to be labeled includes:
 - 1. Copper and fiber optic outside plant cable, risers, horizontal (station) and patch cables.
 - 2. Racks, cabinets and patch panels.
- B. Visibility and durability
 - 1. Select size, color and contrast of all labels that will assure that the identifiers are easily read.
 - 2. Labels should be visible during the installation and normal maintenance of the infrastructure.
 - 3. Where insert-type labels are used, provide a clear plastic cover over the label.
 - 4. For labels applied directly to a cable, apply a clear vinyl wrapping over the label and around the cable to permanently affix the label.

3.3 LABEL INFORMATION CONTENT

- A. Fiber Optic Cable: Outside Plant (OSP)
 - 1. At each end
 - a. Far-end building number and name (or standard abbreviation, if insufficient space)
 - b. Single-mode or Multimode
 - c. Strand count
 - 2. At points where cable enters/exits tunnel or conduit (place label within 12 – 36 inches of tunnel or conduit, or nearest point that is clearly visible)
 - a. Building number and name at both ends (with the network uplink end first)
 - b. Strand count
 - 3. Along the length at 100-foot intervals, or nearest point that is clearly visible
 - a. Building number and name at both ends (with the network uplink end first)
 - b. Strand count
- B. Fiber Optic Termination Panels: OSP
 - 1. At each end
 - a. Far-end building number and name

- b. Single-mode or Multimode
 - c. Strand count
 - 2. Additional instructions
 - a. Use both machine printed labels AND manufacturer's color coding on ferrules to denote single-mode fiber or multimode fiber
 - 1) Yellow = Single-mode
 - 2) Orange = Multimode
 - b. On each separate 6 or 12-strand panel insert, place a factory label with the panel number
 - c. On each strand's termination, place a factory label, or installer-applied machine-printed label with the strand number for that cable
 - d. If there is a factory supplied label for the door or cover, use it to record cable numbers and strand number
- C. Fiber Optic Cable: Risers
 - 1. At each end (Entrance Facility and its interconnecting equipment or Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF))
 - a. Far-end Entrance Facility, equipment or IDF room number
 - b. Single-mode or Multimode
 - c. Strand count

Note: Sometimes a small building or facility may be fed from a primary building and treated as equipment to the primary building. In such cases, label the riser cable (may require an OSP-rated cable) as described here.
- D. Fiber Optic Termination Panels: Risers
 - 1. At each end
 - a. Far-end Entrance Facility, equipment or IDF room number
 - b. Single-mode or Multimode
 - c. Strand count
 - 2. Additional instructions
 - a. On each separate 6- or 12-strand panel insert, place a factory label with the panel number
 - b. On each strand's termination, place a factory label, or installer-applied machine-printed label with the strand number for that cable
- E. Copper Cable: OSP or Feeder
 - 1. At each end
 - a. Far-end building number and name
 - b. Pair count
 - 2. At points where cable enters/exits the tunnel or conduit (place label within 12 – 36 inches of tunnel or conduit, or nearest point that is clearly visible)

- a. Building number and name at both ends (with the network uplink end first)
 - b. Pair count
 3. Along the length at 100-foot intervals (or nearest point that is clearly visible), and at every turn in a location
 - a. Building number and name at both ends (with the network uplink end first)
 - b. Pair count
 4. Protector block at each end
 - a. Cable number (supplied by UITNS)
 - b. Far-end building number and name
 - c. Pair count
- F. Copper Cable: Risers
 1. At each end (Entrance Facility and its interconnecting equipment or IDF)
 - a. Far-end Entrance Facility, equipment or IDF room number
 - b. Pair count
- G. Copper Termination Panels: Risers
 1. At each end
 - a. Far-end Entrance Facility, equipment or IDF room number
 2. At the point where individual pairs are terminated
 - a. Label every fifth pair point
- H. Horizontal (Station) Cable — Fiber Optic or Copper
 1. At each end (behind the faceplate and on the patch panel)
 - a. Far-end equipment or IDF room number
 - b. Cable number (shall match the number on the patch panel and faceplate)
 2. On the faceplate
 - a. Mark with an ultra-fine tip, black, permanent Sharpie®, then cover with a machine printed label
 - b. Room number: upper left corner of the plate
 - c. Cable number: directly below (preferred) or next to the jack
 - d. If fiber optic, also specify Single-mode or Multimode
 3. At the equipment or IDF patch panel
 - a. Cable number
 - b. Room number: below the cable number

Note: In the Network Facilities (NFs), after the first panel has been filled (1-48), label additional panels in continuous sequence (49-96, etc.).
- I. Patch Cables — Fiber Optic or Copper

1. At each end
 - a. Source and destination

J. Wireless Access Points (WAPs) and Associated Jacks

1. WAP
 - a. Label each WAP in a visible area on the device, to be readable from the ground with no magnification
 - b. IDF number
 - c. MAC address (last 6 digits)
 - d. AP number

EXAMPLE: NF-300 C4:99:46 AP-48

2. Jack
 - a. Label WAP jacks on the ceiling grid
 - b. IDF number
 - c. Jack number

K. Cameras

1. To be labeled with these elements, separated by hyphens:
 - a. IDF number
 - b. Patch panel id
 - c. Number of the nearest room/door

EXAMPLE: 109-B19-113

2. Onscreen labeling
 - a. Room name and/or number or object viewed (shall match camera schedule and schematics)

L. Network Video Recorders (NVRs)

1. Label on the inside of the front cover panel
 - a. The host name = building number-building name-NVR series number as a single word. Example: 405 ERP NVR 1
 - b. The host IP address.
2. Configuration requirements
 - a. Do not change the default admin login credentials until final testing and acceptance by UITNS and Campus Safety are completed.
 - b. Host name (see above)
 - c. DNS Server addresses = 172.21.12.1 and 172.21.12.17
3. Enable time sync to ns1.uh.edu

M. Circuit Breaker Panels and Electrical Outlets

<Insert Project Name>
<Insert U of H Proj #>

<Insert Issue Name>
<Insert Issue Date>

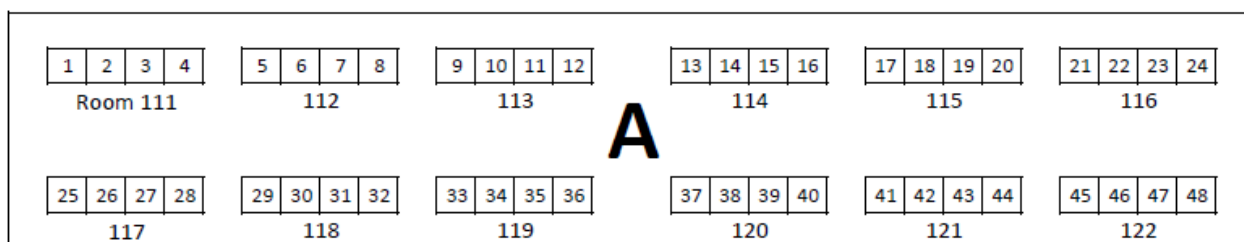
Fiber Labeling Example

505-1127	Label the front of each fiber optic distribution box with FD-sequence number. EXAMPLE: <table border="1"><tr><td>FD1</td></tr></table>	FD1
FD1		
A		
A1-BI		
A2-O		
A3-G		

B. Copper Labeling (see Copper Labeling Illustration, below)

1. Each patch panel will have an alphanumeric designation
2. Jack: each jack number on the patch panel will be determined by room number along with the panel and port designation as shown.

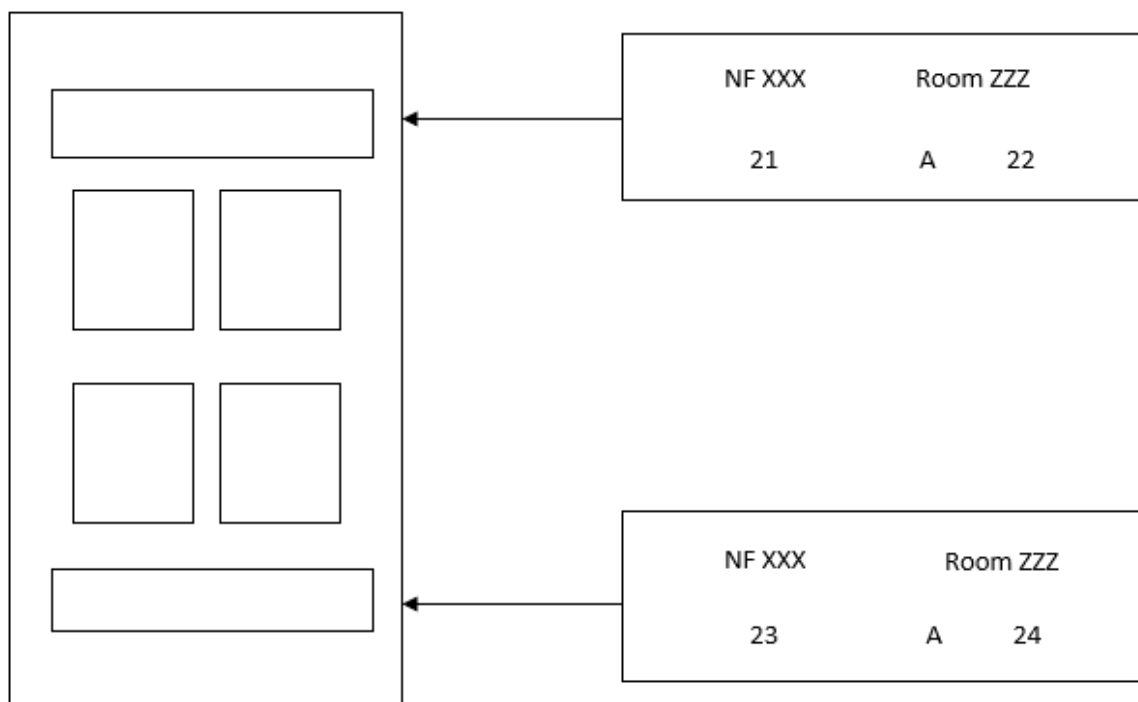
Copper Labeling Illustration



C. Office Faceplates (see Office Faceplate Labeling Illustration, below)

1. First line: NF room number and the room number of the communications outlet
2. Second line: first jack number followed by the panel letter followed by the second jack number

Office Faceplate Labeling Illustration



D. Patch Cords

1. Panel number — Jack number — Switch number — Port number
2. Label each end of the cable

Patch Cord Example

A23-SW1- P11-17

E. Racks

1. Label the top of each rack with the rack number

Rack Example

Rack 1

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