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Subject: Proper UFGS Selection and Use

Applicability: Information

1. Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) are now listed with an A, an N or with no letter designation after the specification number. The A indicates a Corps prepared and maintained document, the N indicates Navy, and no letter designation indicates a document that has been reviewed and approved by all the services for DoD use. Once the unifying process is completed, every UFGS will be designated without a letter after the number. In the interim, combined specifications, i.e., specifications without a letter designation, should be used where available. Otherwise, an A designated guide specification should be used on Corps designs.
2. If an N designated guide specification is used, the designer must edit it to ensure that it meets the Corps' and the Army's project specific technical requirements as well as the Corps' business process. One example that has caused problems is a difference in terminology between the Corps and the Navy with respect to quality control/quality assurance. This is illustrated in Part 1 General of the Navy guide specifications that typically contains a paragraph titled Quality Assurance. The use of this phrase conflicts with the Corps quality assurance business process.
3. During the Independent Technical Review (ITR) and the Biddability, Constructibility, Operability and Environmental (BCOE) review governed by ER 415-1-11, the above requirements should be checked for compliance. At the 35 percent review phase, project specifications are not available; however, a listing of proposed specifications by title and UFGS number are normally included. The review should ensure that the appropriate unified specifications are being used. If one or more N designated specifications are included, the need for the designer to edit the specification for project and the Corps' technical requirements, and for the Corps' business process should be addressed by comment. During the ITR and BCOE final reviews, the specifications should again be checked to ensure compliance with the above and with special emphasis on the proper editing of any N designated specifications that may be included in the project.
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