

SECTION 230593 – TEST-ADJUST-BALANCE

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of Contract, including General and Special Conditions apply to this section.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- A. This scope of services specifies the requirements and procedures for mechanical systems testing, adjusting, and balancing. Requirements include measurement and establishment of the fluid quantities of the mechanical systems as required to meet design specifications, and recording and reporting the results. The test and balance work will be performed by the Owner's personnel. It is the Contractor's responsibility to assist as outlined below.
- B. Test, adjust and balance the following mechanical systems which are shown in the construction documents.
 - 1. Supply air systems, all pressure ranges, including variable volume and constant volume systems.
 - 2. Return air systems.
 - 3. Exhaust air systems.
 - 4. Hydronic systems.
 - 5. Steam distribution systems.
 - 6. Cooling towers.
 - 7. Verify temperature control system operation.
 - 8. Plumbing water systems (i.e. recirculation pumps, booster pumps).
- C. The contractor's responsibilities are as follows:
 - 1. Notify the Owner's Representative fourteen (14) days prior to the schedule date for balancing the system.
 - 2. Schedule a two (2) week allowance for the testing and balancing firm to complete the testing and balancing work when scheduling completion of all work required of the Contractor by the contract documents.
 - 3. Cooperate with the testing and balancing firm and shall make all necessary preparations for the TAB efforts.
 - 4. Complete the following work prior to requesting the TAB effort.
 - a. Clean and flush all piping systems.
 - b. Leak test and make tight all piping systems.
 - c. Fill all piping systems with clean water.
 - d. Clean and seal all ductwork systems.
 - e. Service and tag all equipment.
 - f. Set and align all motors and drives.
 - g. Start up and prove all equipment and systems.
 - h. Make preliminary settings on all control devices and have all systems operational.
 - i. Operate all systems successfully for twenty-four (24) hours minimum.
 - 5. Lubricate all motors and bearings.
 - 6. Check fan belt tension.
 - 7. Check fan rotation.
 - 8. Patch insulation, ductwork and housing, using materials identical to those removed.

9. Seal ducts and piping, and test for and repair leaks.
10. Seal insulation to re-establish integrity of the vapor barrier.
11. Attend a coordination meeting prior to the balancing of the system and a coordination meeting following the balancing of the system.
12. Provide a complete set of as-built drawings prior to the TAB effort.
13. Provide craftsmen of the proper trade to work with the TAB firm to make adjustments and installation changes as required.
14. Change out fan sheaves when and if required by the TAB firm.
15. Dedicate the resources to accommodate all changes identified by the test and balance firm in a timely manner.
16. If a significant rebalance (Owner's determination) of the HVAC system is required due to the Contractor's failure to properly install and check out the HVAC system, the cost of rebalancing the system shall be borne by the Contractor.

1.3 PRE-BALANCING CONFERENCE

- A. Prior to beginning of the testing, adjusting and balancing procedures, a conference with the Owner's representative, Engineer and the Test and Balance Agency's representative will be held. The objective of the conference is final coordination and verification of system operation and readiness for testing, adjusting and balancing.

1.4 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING OF SERVICES

- A. Test, adjust and balance the air conditioning systems during summer season and heating systems during winter season. This includes at least a period of operation at outside conditions within 5 deg. F wet bulb temperature of maximum summer design condition, and within 10 deg. F dry bulb temperature of minimum winter design conditions. Take final temperature readings during seasonal operation.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 PRODUCTS (Not applicable)

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL (Not applicable)

END OF SECTION 230593