# **GENERAL STRUCTURAL SPECIFICATIONS**

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#### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Work and materials shall conform to the 2003 International Building Code, State of Maine Building Codes, and other applicable codes and standards and shall meet the requirements of local authorities having jurisdiction.
- 2. See project drawings, specifications and other construction documents prepared by CWS Architects for additional requirements.
- 3. Reference to "Engineer" within these specifications refers to Price Structural Engineers, Inc.
- 4. Coordinate work schedule, daily hours of construction, location of material storage, access to utilities, security measures and final cleanup requirements with owner prior to construction.
- 5. Notify CWS Architects immediately after steel lintel construction has been completed (prior to applying wall finishes) so that lintel installation can be inspected by the engineer.
- 6. See attached page labeled "Abbreviations" for description of abbreviations used on sketches.
- 7. Structural drawings and specifications do not include provisions for site-work, ventilation, plumbing, water-tightness of building, NFPA fire code requirements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, handrails, lighting, egress requirements, flashing, finishes, hazardous waste, or other architectural and environmental features. Coordinate these requirements with others as necessary.

8. The following list of drawings and sketches form a part of this specification:

SK-1 through SK-5

- 9. The structural design is based on the full interaction of all its connected parts. No provisions have been made for any temporary conditions that may arise during construction prior to the completion of the structure. The Contractor shall be responsible for adequate design and construction of all forms, shoring and temporary bracing during the progress of the project.
- 10. All work, including demolition, shall be performed by experienced workman and coordinated with adequate supervision by the contractor's project supervisor.
- 11. Alternate details may be used only if such details are submitted in writing to the Structural Engineer for review and written acceptance is granted prior to construction. However, the Structural Engineer shall be the sole judge of acceptability and the Contractor's Bid shall anticipate the use of those specific details shown on the Drawings.
- 12. The Contractor shall be completely responsible for the safety of adjacent structures, property, and the public. The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local safety requirements.
- 13. Do not scale from Drawings.
- 14. All materials shall be new except those labeled "EXIST." (existing).
- 15. Work not indicated on a part of the Drawings but reasonably implied to be similar to that shown at corresponding places shall be included.
- 16. These structural documents shall be used for this project only and not for any other purpose. The Contractor shall not modify these documents or make changes in construction from the intent of these documents without written approval from the engineer. Use of part but not all of these documents is not permitted.
- 17. The Contractor is required to examine the Drawings and Specifications carefully, visit the site and fully inform themselves as to all existing conditions and limitations, prior to submitting their Bid. Failure to visit the site and familiarize themselves with the existing conditions, interferences and other limitations will in no way relieve the successful Bidder from furnishing any materials or performing any work in accordance with Drawings and specifications (at no additional cost to the Owner).
- 18. Details indicating existing conditions are based on assumptions, some of which have not yet been field verified. It is critical that the contractor verify actual existing conditions prior to purchasing or fabricating new materials and notify

the engineer immediately if actual conditions differ from those indicated on the structural details.

- 19. Remove and legally dispose of demolished materials.
- 20. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to ensure that existing building components are not damaged during construction. All damaged areas shall be completely restored to the full satisfaction of the Owner at no additional cost to the Owner.
- 21. Stored materials shall be kept under cover and dry. Protect from weather and contact with damp or wet surfaces. Stack materials in such a manner that prevents warping or crushing.
- 22. Pre-manufactured materials shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's requirements and recommendations. Substitutions for specified pre-manufactured materials may be made but only after specific written approval has been provided by the owner's engineer prior to installation.
- 23. Except where slope is specified, new materials shall be installed plumb, evel, and square. Contractor shall not fabricate materials until interferences have been identified and resolved.
- 24. At areas where existing structural components are uncovered and found to be inadequate, the contractor shall either properly reinforce the components or contact the Engineer (PSE) for the structural design of the modifications.

### MASONRY

- 1. All masonry construction shall conform to the requirements of ACI 530.1-95/ASCE 6-95/TMS-95 ("Specification for Masonry Structures") and the project specifications. In case of conflict, the more stringent requirements shall apply. Clean and re-use existing sound brick as much as possible.
- 2. All joints shall be tooled concave. Masonry shall be laid in "running bond". New brick, if needed, shall conform to ASTM C216, grade SW, 3000 psi compressive strength and match existing brick as much as possible.
- 3. Mortar shall comply with ASTM C270 type N, minimum compressive strength shall be 1900 psi using Portland/Cement Line, Cementitious Material and Proportion Specifications. Lime shall be hydrated line, ASTM C207. Brick ties shall be hot dip galvanized.
- 4. Masonry walls shall be adequately braced and supported throughout construction. New brick construction shall be mortared solid without voids.

#### STRUCTURAL STEEL

- 1. All structural steel work shall conform to the recommendations and requirements contained in the "Manual of Steel Construction, Allowable Stress Design," AISC Ninth Edition (including AISC Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges), and "Structural Steel Welding Code Steel," (AWS D1.1, latest edition).
- 2. No change in size or position of the structural elements shall be made without prior written approval of the Structural Engineer.
- 3. All holes in steel components shall be drilled. Use of cutting torches for holes is not permitted.
- 4. Holes for bolts shall be drilled to a diameter that is 1/16" larger than the nominal diameter of the bolt (uon).
- 5. All shop and field welds shall be made by certified welders, and shall conform to the American Welding Society Code, AWS D1.1, latest edition, using E70-18 electrodes. Carefully control welding technique to avoid distortion, including clamping prior to welding. Minimum weld size shall be 3/16" fillet.
- 6. Structural steel components shall be shop primed with fabricator's standard primer. Provide field touch-up as necessary.
- 7. Structural steel rolled shapes, plates, bars and tubes shall conform to the following:

ASTM A-572, Grade 50: All wide flange sections ("W" shapes), Fy = 50 ksi			
ASTM A-36:	Other rolled shapes, plates and bars, Fy = 36 ksi		
ASTM A-500, Grade B:	Steel Tubes ("TS" shapes), Fy = 46 ksi		
ASTM A-53, Grade B:	Steel pipe, Fy = 35 ksi		
ASTM A-36:	Threaded rods		
ASTM A-307:	Anchor bolts in concrete (unless otherwise noted)		

Note: Bolts and rods exposed to weather shall be galvanized.

8. Non-shrink grout shall be 5000 psi (minimum) compression strength.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

AB BO BS CL	Anchor Bolts By Others Both Sides Centerline	TOF TOW T & B TYP	Top of Footing Elevatin Top of Wall Elevation Top and Bottom Typical
CLR	Clear Distance	UON	Unless otherwise noted
COL	Column	VERT	Vertical
CONC	Concrete	W/	With
CONT	Continuous	VIF	Verify in Field
CIP	Cast-In-Place	VLAM	Versalam
DIA	Diameter	@	At
EB	Expansion Bolt	&	And
EMBT	Embedment		
EA	Each		
EQ	Equal		
EXG	Existing		
FB	Flat Bar		
FDN	Foundation		
FF	Finish Floor		
FT	Feet		
FTG	Footing		
GA	Gauge		
GC	General Contractor		
GALV	Hot-Dip Galvanized		
HORIZ	Horizontal		
IN.	Inches		
MAX	Maximum		
MIN	Minimum		
MO	Masonry Opening		
NTS	Not To Scale		
N&W	Nut and Washer		
O.C.	On Center		
OPNG	Opening		
OH	Opposite Hand		
PL	Plate		
PT	Pressure Treated		
RO	Rough Opening		
REQ'D	Required		
SCH	Schedule		
SIM	Similar		
SPECS	Specifications		
SS	Stainless Steel		
SYP	Southern Yellow Pine		