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### **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

**Date: March 9, 2015**

**RFP No. 15-0429**

#### **RFP Title: Voice and Data Cabling Infrastructure**

It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure their receipt of all addenda, and to clearly acknowledge all addenda within their initial bid or proposal response. Acknowledgement may be confirmed either by inclusion of a signed copy of this addendum with the initial bid or proposal response, or by completion and return of the addendum acknowledgement section of the solicitation. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the bid or proposal from being considered for award.

#### **This addendum does not change the date for receipt of bids or proposals.**

The purpose of this addendum is to provide confirming information resulting from the mandatory pre-proposal conference held on March 5, 2015. A copy of the attendee list for the pre-proposal conference is posted on the County web site.

The conference commenced with the following matters being summarized:

1 – Responses are due on March 17, 2015 before 3:00 PM.

2 – The method of award in Section 1.3 were reviewed, noting that:

- A. Award will be made for the first project under this solicitation (350 N. Sinclair Avenue) to the technically acceptable firm that submits the lowest price for that project, and
- B. The initially selected vendor, and those vendors deemed to meet the stated qualifications, but not submitting the lowest price for the initial project, will then constitute the "vendor pool" that will be solicited for subsequent quotations for future specific projects within the scope of this document.

3 – The County reserves the right to restrict the number of vendors initially included under this contract on a best qualification basis, or relative price basis considering the pricing proposed for the initial project, when such action serves the best interest of the County.

4 – Additional questions should be submitted no later than six (6) working days before the proposal due date to ensure a reply.

It is noted on Page 25 of the solicitation that the vendors are responsible for payment of sales tax on all materials purchased by the vendor for incorporation into all projects. See provision 3.8 for further detail.

### **Questions/Answers:**

The following questions were received and are regarding the initial project at 350 N. Sinclair Avenue. County responses immediately follow each question:

Question 1: Could you please confirm the type of 12 strand fiber that is required between 323 N Sinclair and 350 N. Sinclair? Would it be 62.5, OM3 or Singlemode?

Answer 1: 12 strand OM3 (50/125) Multi-mode fiber

Question 2: Could you please confirm the type of 48 strand fiber that is required between 350 N Sinclair and the EOC? Would it be 62.5, OM3 or Singlemode?

Answer 2: 48 strand Single mode Fiber

Question 3: Is their required named Manufacturers for the cables and cable connectors/faceplates?

Answer 3: No specific manufacturer or part number. However, all cabling must meet industry standard specifications for the application it will be used for (inside or outside cable plant). All testing of cabling must meet or exceed fiber/category 6 standards. Previous manufacturers utilized by the County were Corning, then Systimax or Commscope. Vendors shall note product manufacturer in Section 1.13.2, C, Tab 2, A.

Question 4: Section 2, Work Segment A count states 92. Is this the correct number?

Answer 4: The correct number is 124.

Question 5: Section 2, Work Segment A counts do not add up to 92 ( $60 + 64 = 124$ ). What is the correct count per floor?

Answer 5: The correct number is 60 data cables on the first floor and 64 data cables on the second floor.

Question 6: The provided prints, indicated a total number per floor (which is  $60 + 64$ ). Are those the number we are to use? When I add up the triangles I get a third set of numbers. Please verify.

Answer 6: The floor plan is correct and those drops are for a single cable each and there is a note on the floor plans with that indication. The total cable count is 124.

Question 7: Will the vendor be required to pull out the existing wiring?

Answer 7: No. It must remain.

Question 8: Are there fire blocks in the walls?

Answer 8: Unknown.

Question 9: What is the estimated budget for this project?

Answer 9: The estimated cost to do the work is \$37,000., and the maximum budgeted is \$40,000.

Question 10: Does the 48 strand of single mode fiber need to be terminated at the (Entry Facility) in the ECOC building or can it be a continuous run to the server room.

Answer 10: Please terminate the 48 strand of single mode on a rack mounted fiber panel in the Entry facility at the ECOC. The 48 strand run from the Entry facility to the server room can be terminated on the same panel in the entry facility and all terminations on this panel should be of SC type connectors. Please separate incoming and outgoing and label appropriately.

Question 11: Can the existing fiber termination box be used to terminate the new 12 strand of Multi-

Mode Fiber in the 323 N. Sinclair Communications Room?

Answer 11: Yes

Question 12: Do the fiber termination need to be Hot Melt?

Answer 12: The fiber terminations should be made using industry and manufacturer recommendations/best practices to ensure the most reliable connection.

Question 13: Work Segment A: Is there a CAT6 Jack color Preference for the 124 Data Jacks?

Answer 13: Preference would be blue.

Question 14: Work Segment A: Can the Patch Panels for the 350 Sinclair building be Angled Modular and be 2-48 port and 2-24 port?

Answer 14: Angled, and 2-48 port and 2-24 is fine.

Question 15: Work Segment B: Item 3 calls for 4'X4" x3/3" Marine grade Back Board, I think the UBC (Universal Building Code) requires the use of Fire Retardant Backboard UL FR-S Plywood 1780 R-7003." Marine-grade plywood does NOT qualify even though it is saline "treated"—as it will have a different UL number. The ANSI/EIA/TIA 569A standard (or a "recommendation") for Commercial Buildings for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces 7.2.4.1 (page 67) specifies: "A minimum of two walls should be covered with rigidly fixed 20 mm (three-quarter-inch) A-C plywood, preferably void-free, 2440 mm (8 feet) high, capable of supporting attached equipment.

Answer 15: Fire Retardant Backboard is fine.

Question 16: Work Segment C: The 12 Fiber MM Fiber Cable Which Grade? OM1 - 62,5/125, OM2 - 50/125, or OM3 - 50/125- -, or OM4 - 50/125.

Answer 16: Multimode should be OM3 or OM4.

Question 17: Does the County want any Fiber Optic jumpers included in the quote?

Answer 17: No. Jumpers are not a part of this solicitation.

**Addition:**

For all specifications not directly addressed by this RFP and impending addendums the below Lake County Telecommunications Data Specifications shall be the authorized document.

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Typed/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Lake County Board of County Commissioners Cabling System Technical Specification (Updated 9/14/2010)

**No substitutions**

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 PURPOSE

The intent of this document is to provide a standard specification that will be used for all Lake County facilities requiring cabling installation. This document provides the minimum performance criteria for the components and subsystems comprising a complete cabling system that shall accommodate Lake County's requirements. Product specifications, general design considerations, and installation guidelines are provided in this written document. The successful contractor shall meet or exceed all requirements for the cabling system described in this document. The Category 6 portion of the cabling system shall comply with the proposed link and channel performance requirements of the latest revision of TIA/EIA 568-B.2-1 "Performance Specifications for 4-pair 100 Ohm Category 6 Cabling".

The successful contractor must have a BICSI® certified RCDD review the drawings and meet with representatives from Facilities and the Office of Information Technology to discuss the project and to ensure that a structured cabling system is installed that provides a comprehensive telecommunications infrastructure.

### 1.2 SCOPE

This document defines the cabling system and subsystem components to include cable, termination hardware, supporting hardware, and miscellany to install a complete telecommunications system supporting voice and data. The intent of this document is to provide all pertinent information to allow the contractor to bid the materials, labor, supervision, tooling, and miscellaneous mounting hardware and consumables to install a complete system. However, it is the responsibility of the contractor to identify any and all items required for a complete system not identified in this specification.

### 1.3 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The cabling system described in this specification is derived in part from the recommendations made in industry standard documents. The list of documents below are incorporated by reference:

1. This Technical Specification and Associated Drawings
2. © 2000 BICSI® *Telecommunications Distributions Methods Manual, latest edition.*
3. ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B.1 *Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling Standard 2001.*
4. ANSI/TIA/EIA-569-B *Commercial Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces 2003.*
5. ANSI/TIA/EIA-606-A *Administration Standard for the Telecommunications Infrastructure of Commercial Buildings 2002.*
6. *Commercial Buildings 2002.*
7. ANSI/TIA/EIA-607-A *Commercial Building Grounding and Bonding Requirements for Telecommunications 2002.*
8. ISO/IEC 11801 *Generic Cabling for Customer Premises.*

Other standards that contain requirements pertaining to the safety of and access to private and public telecommunications networks include:

1. ANSI/NFPA 70 *The National Electrical Code®*, current edition.
2. IEEE C2-2002 *National Electrical Safety Code (NESC®)* current edition.
3. FCC Part 68 Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, *Telecommunications*.
4. UL 1459 Underwriters Laboratories *Standard for Safety—Telephone Equipment*.
5. UL 1863 Underwriters Laboratories *Standard for Safety—Communication Circuit Accessories*.

Specifications as provided by The Division of Information Systems, Telecommunications and Facilities groups and other special codes that may apply:

If this document and any of the documents listed above are in conflict, then the more stringent requirement shall apply. All documents listed are believed to be the most current releases of the documents; the contractor is responsible to determine and adhere to the most recent release when developing the proposal for installation.

## **1.4 CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS**

The contractor installing the telecommunications facilities and equipment herein specified shall be an experienced TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTOR. Experienced meaning that the contractor has been in this type of business for a minimum of two (2) years and have personnel that have been trained and certified in the installation of telecommunications facilities equipment. Additionally, the contractor will have successfully completed installation of similar equipment and size to that specified herein within the last year of the project.

Contractors must have a BICSI Registered/Certified Communications Distribution Designer (RCDD) on staff. A copy of the contractor's current registration must be furnished with the submittal of the proposal. The supervisor or lead technician on every project must have a current Registered BICSI RCDD and/or Registered BICSI Technician Certification.

## **2.0 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

### **2.1 FACILITIES DESCRIPTION**

Lake County's facilities vary in function and size. Most buildings have individual offices for faculty and staff; in certain areas, personnel may be situated in modular office furniture with hard wall offices around the exterior of the floor. Generally, a ceiling distribution cabling system using cable trays and conduits is used. These specifications apply primarily to new buildings and major renovations, but should be followed as closely as possible for all telecommunications cabling installations.

### **2.2 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**

Lake County's data distribution network is based on a star topology with a collapsed-backbone. The data cabling should be designed end to end to meet or exceed 1000BASE-T/1000BASE-TX standards. As a standard configuration each work area will consist of a Systimax brand communications outlet containing two Category 6 Systimax jack inserts and one Category 3 jack insert (1 Voice and 2 Data). All data jacks are terminated using Category 6 horizontal cables pulled and terminated on Category 6 insulation displacement connector patch panels in the telecommunications room. Patch cords/equipment cords are used to connect each jack to the appropriate service connector. All voice cables and all voice pairs are terminated on 66-M150 blocks on a backboard in the telecommunications room. Generally, high pair count Category 3 CMR or CMP backbone/riser cables are employed between the Entrance facilities or Main telecommunications room and each telecommunications room for voice connectivity. Category 6 cables and 50 micron multi-mode fiber optic cables are used as backbone/riser cables for data.

## **3.0 HORIZONTAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

### **3.2 TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLING SYSTEM**

The telecommunications contractor will be responsible for pulling and terminating the cables following all federal, state and local codes, accepted industry standards and the manufacturer's instructions. The telecommunications contractor must work closely with the electrical contractor to ensure that the pathways are installed correctly and that they will allow for proper installation of the cabling system. Visual inspections and upon completion of the project test results will be used to verify proper installation practices were followed.

The cabling system will consist of Lake County IT approved Category 6 components and cable. Each Category 6 data cable shall be terminated on an 8-position, 8-conductor Category 6 jack insert wired to the T568B color code in the work area and in the telecommunications room. Each Category 6 voice cable shall be terminated on a 6-position, 6-conductor jack insert at the work station and on 66-M150 blocks on a backboard in the telecommunications room. Voice and Data racks should be separate and located appropriately for their specific function. A single pull string should be left in the conduit at each outlet location.

#### **3.2.1 WORK AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLETS**

Work area communications outlets should be placed one per 100 sq ft of useable floor space and sized to accommodate four Category 6 cables and connectors. Outlets should be within 3' of an electrical outlet and installed at the same height, unless otherwise specified. Outlets should be placed so that the work area or workstation cable does not exceed 5 meters (16 ft) in length. This length is figured into the total horizontal cabling length and must not be exceeded.

##### **Office Outlets**

One 3-port flush 110 Connect faceplate. Faceplates shall be constructed of ABS molding compound and be 4.53" X 2.77" X .60" in size. Each outlet shall contain three cables terminated on two Category 6, 8-position, 8-conductor Systimax jack BLUE inserts and one Category 6, 6-position, 6-conductor jack ALMOND Systimax insert following manufacturer's instructions. Faceplates shall accommodate two labels and provide a clear polycarbonate cover for each. The upper jack will be designated as the voice jack and shall be colored light almond while the data jacks shall be colored blue and shall occupy the bottom two position(s) on the faceplate unless otherwise noted on the drawings. Faceplates shall be light almond in color unless otherwise noted. Faceplates shall be Systimax brand. The faceplates shall be mounted to in-wall single gang boxes.

##### **Modular Furniture Outlets**

Use appropriate FLEX-MODE faceplate determined by modular furniture brand. FLEX-MODE faceplates shall be made of polycarbonate molding compound, black in color. The faceplate(s) shall be mounted in the appropriate knockout(s) in the furniture channel. Consult with a representative for specific instructions.

#### **3.2.2 PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

##### **Category 3 Cabling – Non-plenum**

Horizontal data cabling shall be 24 AWG, solid copper, 4-pair UTP, UL/NEC CMR rated, with a white/gray/beige PVC jacket. Cable jacketing shall be lead-free. Cable shall meet standard Category 3 performance requirements. Cable shall be supplied on wooden reels or in reel-in-box. Cable shall be UL listed under file number E138034.

##### **Category 3 Cabling – Plenum**

Horizontal data cabling shall be 24 AWG, solid copper, 4-pair UTP, UL/NEC CMP rated, with a white/gray/beige plenum-rated PVC jacket. Individual conductors shall be FEP insulated. Cable jacketing shall be lead-free. Cable shall meet standard Category 3 performance requirements. Cable shall be supplied on wooden reels or in reel-in-box. Cable shall be UL listed under file number E138034.

##### **Category 6 Cabling – Non-plenum**

Horizontal data cabling shall be 23 AWG, solid copper, 4-pair UTP, UL/NEC CMR rated with a blue PVC jacket. Cable jacketing shall be lead-free. Cable shall meet standard EIA/TIA-568 Category 6 performance requirements. Cable shall be supplied on wooden reels or in reel-in-box. Cable shall be UL listed under file number E138034.

### **Category 6 Cabling – Plenum**

Horizontal data cabling shall be 23 AWG, solid copper, 4-pair UTP, UL/NEC CMP rated with a blue plenum-rated PVC jacket. Individual conductors shall be FEP insulated. Cable jacketing shall be lead-free. Cable shall meet standard EIA/TIA-568 Category 6 performance requirements. Cable shall be supplied on wooden reels or in reel-in-box. Cable shall be UL listed under file number E138034.

### **Fiber Optic Cable and Termination Hardware**

All multimode optical fiber must be 50/125um. All optical fiber must be manufactured by CORNING Cable Systems. CORNING Cable Systems LanScape® products will be used for all optical fiber splice and termination points. The types of cable, number of fiber strands and types of termination will vary for each project and must be stated in the project specifications.

### **Modular Jacks**

All modular jacks shall be wired to the T568B wiring pattern. Modular jacks shall be constructed with a housing of polyphenylene oxide, 94V-0 rated. Modular jacks shall be terminated using a 110-style pc board connector (made of 94V-0 rated polycarbonate), color-coded for both T568A and T568B wiring. The 110 connector shall terminate 22-24 AWG solid conductors with a maximum insulation diameter of .050 inches. The modular jack contacts shall be plated with a minimum of 50 micro-inches of gold in the contact area over a 50 micro-inch minimum nickel under plate. Modular jacks shall be compatible with panel thicknesses of .058" - .063". Modular jacks shall snap into a .790" X .582" opening and only Systimax inserts and face plates shall be used. Modular jacks shall be UL Listed under file number E81956.

Category 6 modular (data) jacks shall be unkeyed 4-pair. Modular jacks shall fit in a .790" X .582" opening and only Systimax inserts and face plates shall be used. Modular jacks shall be terminated using a 110-style pc board connector, color-coded for both T568A and T568B wiring. Each jack shall be wired to T568B. Modular jacks shall be UL Listed under file number E81956.

### **3.2.3 WORK AREA COMMUNICATIONS OUTLET INSTALLATION**

All outlets shall be installed in the following manner:

- Cables shall be coiled in the in-wall or surface-mount boxes if adequate space is present to house the cable coil without exceeding the manufacturers bend radius. In hollow wall installations where box-eliminators are used, excess wire can be stored in the wall. No more than 12" of slack shall be stored in an in-wall box, modular furniture raceway, or insulated walls. Excess slack may be neatly coiled and stored in the ceiling above each drop location when there is not enough space present in the outlet box to store slack cable.

In addition, each cable type shall be terminated as indicated below:

- Cables shall be dressed and terminated in accordance with the recommendations made in the BICSI® Telecommunications Distributions Methods Manual, manufacturer's recommendations and/or best industry practices.
- Pair untwist at the termination shall not exceed .25 inch for Category 6 connecting hardware.
- Bend radius of the cable in the termination area shall not be less than 4 times the outside diameter of the cable.
- The cable jacket shall be maintained as close as possible to the termination point.

### **3.3 HORIZONTAL DISTRIBUTION CABLE INSTALLATION**

If the building is renovated or rewired, abandoned cable shall be removed from the building in accordance with National Electric Code, once it is no longer in service. Unused, un-terminated cable is only allowed if there is a planned purpose for the cable and it must be documented on the as-built drawings.

The following guidelines should be used when installing Horizontal distribution cable:

- All horizontal data distribution cable should be Category 6, 100 ohm, UTP of an approved vendor.
- All horizontal voice distribution cable should be Category 3, 100 ohm, UTP of an approved vendor.
- Cable shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and best industry practices.
- Cable raceways shall not be filled greater than the NEC maximum fill for the particular raceway type.
- Cables shall be installed in continuous lengths from origin to destination (no splices).
- Unshielded twisted pair cable shall be installed so that there are no bends less than four times the cables outside diameter (4 X cable O.D.) at any point in the run.
- Pulling tension on 4-pair UTP cables shall not exceed 25-pounds for a single cable or cable bundle.
- If a J-hook or trapeze system is used to support cable bundles all horizontal cables shall be supported at a maximum of four-foot intervals. At no point shall cable(s) rest on acoustic ceiling grids or panels.
- Horizontal distribution cables shall be bundled in groups of not greater than 40 cables. Cable bundle quantities in excess of 40 cables may cause deformation of the bottom cables within the bundle.
- Cable shall be installed above fire-sprinkler and systems and shall not be attached to the system or any ancillary equipment or hardware. The cabling system and support hardware shall be installed so that it does not obscure any valves, fire alarm conduit, boxes, or other control devices.
- Cables shall not be attached to ceiling grid or lighting support wires. Where light support for drop cable legs are required, the contractor shall install clips to support the cabling.
- Any cable damaged or exceeding recommended installation parameters during installation shall be replaced by the contractor prior to final acceptance at no cost to Lake County BCC.
- Cables shall be identified by a self-adhesive label in accordance with the System Documentation Section of this specification. The cable label shall be applied to the cable behind the faceplate on a section of cable that can be accessed by removing the cover plate.

### **3.4 HORIZONTAL CABLE TERMINATION**

All horizontal distribution runs shall work together to produce optimum efficiency and throughput. All cable and jack combinations must be tested by an independent laboratory to determine their performance when paired together. Two such independent tests are Anixter's "levels" program and Graybar's "VIP" program. It is the responsibility of the contractor to make sure that both jack and wire are of the same "category" rating.

#### **3.4.1 HORIZONTAL DATA CABLE TERMINATION PATCH PANELS**

All horizontal data cables will be terminated on Category 6 patch panels in the telecommunications room. The horizontal cables termination patch panels shall be colored black and contained in standard 19" x 7' rack(s), wall-mount racks or equipment cabinets as specified by the project drawings. All equipment racks shall be properly secured to the floor or wall and augmented with horizontal and vertical management hardware, both front and rear, to properly dress horizontal cables. Patch panels shall provide 24 or 48 modular jack ports, wired to T568B. The front of each module shall be capable of accepting 9mm to 12mm labels. Patch panels shall terminate the building cabling on 110-style insulation displacement connectors. Patch panels must be UL Listed under file number E81956. Patch panels shall be of an approved brand. Modular jacks for use in the patch panel must be of the same manufacturer as the jacks used at the work area station outlets.

### **3.4.2 HORIZONTAL VOICE CABLE TERMINATION BLOCKS**

All horizontal voice cables will be terminated on 66-M150 blocks in the telecommunications room. The horizontal cables termination 66-M150 blocks shall be contained on a backboard as specified by the project drawings. All 4 pairs of each cable will be terminated on the 66-M150 blocks and labeled 1 - XX

### **3.4.3 HORIZONTAL CABLE SUPPORT**

- a 12" ladder rack system shall be installed in the telecommunications room to support the cables. The ladder should encompass the room allowing the cables to be properly dressed and supported.
- secure the top of all freestanding equipment racks using 12" ladder racks to the wall or intersect with the ladder system encompassing the room.

## **4.0 BACKBONE CABLE**

If the building is renovated or rewired, abandoned cable shall be removed from the building in accordance with National Electric Code, once it is no longer in service. Unused, un-terminated cable is only allowed if there is a planned purpose for the cable and it must be documented on the as-build drawings.

Data backbone cabling installed between the entrance facilities or main telecommunications room and each telecommunications room will consist of one or more of the following types of cable:

- Category 6 , 100 ohm, UTP as described in the horizontal distribution section for data distances up to 295'.
- High pair count TIA Category 3 CMR or CMP is adequate for voice backbone/riser cable.
- 50/125um multimode optical fiber (inside building) terminated with LC connectors.
- Single mode optical fiber (building to building) terminated with LC connectors.
- the minimum strand count for the single-mode fiber optic backbone entering the building is 96 strands of SM which should be terminated on a wall mounted fiber box or a rack mounted fiber patch panel in the Main Distribution Room. Connection into Lake County's existing fiber backbone should be included in all design drawings and bids. This should include splicing, termination, testing, conduit, vaults and boring necessary to provide full connectivity into Lake County's existing fiber backbone.
- the minimum strand count of fiber between telecommunications closets that exist on the same floor of a building shall be 12 strand of MM and 6 strand SM, preferably combined in a hybrid fiber cable. All fiber should be terminated on a wall mounted fiber box or in a rack mounted termination panel.
- the minimum strand count of fiber between a server room and the Main Distribution Room shall be 12 strand of MM and 6 strand SM, preferably combined in a hybrid fiber cable. All fiber should be terminated on a wall mounted fiber box or in a rack mounted termination panel.
- the minimum strand count of fiber from each telecommunications closet to the Main Distribution Room shall be 12 strand of MM and 6 strand SM, preferably combined in a hybrid fiber cable. All fiber should be terminated on a wall mounted fiber box or in a rack mounted termination panel.
- a minimum of 25' of excess fiber shall be provided at each fiber termination point. Such service loops should conform to specifications to include total length and bend radii.

The types and number of cables used for backbone systems will vary for each project and must be documented in the project specifications and documented on the drawings. Any termination or splice enclosures used for optical fiber will be listed in the specifications and documented on the drawings.

Voice backbone cabling will be 24 AWG, 100-pair UTP, UL/NEC CMR rated or CMP if required, with a white/gray/beige PVC jacket. Cable shall be third party verified to comply with TIA Category 3 requirements. Cable shall be supplied on 1000 ft. reels. A coupled bonding conductor will be installed within the riser bundle and bonded and grounded at each end.

#### **4.1 BACKBONE CABLE INSTALLATION**

All copper backbone cables shall be installed in the following manner:

- Backbone cables shall be installed separately from horizontal distribution cables.
- where cables are housed in conduits, the backbone and horizontal cables shall be installed in separate conduits or in separate inner duct within conduits.
- where cables are installed in an air return plenum, the cable shall be installed in conduit, or plenum cable shall be installed in a plenum inner duct to provide protection to the cable
- where backbone cables and distribution cables are installed in a cable tray or wire way, backbone cables shall be installed first and bundled separately from the horizontal distribution cables.

For optical fiber backbone cables:

- do not exceed the cable's minimum bend radius. Bending cable tighter than the minimum bend Radius may result in increased optical fiber attenuation or fiber breakage.
- the minimum bend radius for indoor backbone optical fiber cable is 10 times the cables outside diameter under no load conditions and 15 times the cables outside diameter when being pulled.
- do not exceed the cables maximum vertical rise and tensile rating.
- where cables are installed in an air return plenum, the cable shall be installed in conduit, or plenum cable shall be installed in a plenum inner duct to provide protection to the cable
- where backbone cables and distribution cables are installed in a cable tray or wire way, backbone cables shall be installed first and bundled separately from the horizontal distribution cables use inner duct whenever possible.
- all fiber should be from the same manufacture and preferably the same lot if possible. All lot numbers of fiber should be documented on drawings.

NOTE: Do not locate backbone cable pathways in elevator shafts. Do not over fill conduits, ducts or sleeves. Refer to the BICSI® *Telecommunications Distributions Methods Manual*, latest edition for more information.

#### **4.2 FIBER LIGHTGUIDE INTERCONNECT UNIT (LIU)**

Fiber LIUs shall be manufactured to fit in both 19 inch relay rack and 23 inch relay rack. The LIU shall be sized to accommodate the appropriate number of fiber connections and utilize the least amount of rack space. Even if the LIU is not fully populated with fiber connection, the LIU shall be completely populated with bulkhead panels to accommodate future use. On 72 and 144 port LIU's the termination and splice shelf must be used together due to fusion splicing on single mode and multimode fiber. The LIUs used by the contractor must be approved by Lake County IT.

### **4.3 FIBER CONNECTORS:**

All single mode fiber shall be terminated using factory manufactured pigtails with LC type connectors. All multimode fiber shall be terminated using factory manufactured pigtails with LC type connectors. The pigtails used by the contractor must be approved by Lake County IT.

### **4.4 FIBER COUPLERS:**

All single mode fiber LIU panels shall be equipped with LC to LC couplers. All multimode fiber LIU panels shall be equipped with LC to LC couplers. The couplers used by the contractor must be approved by Lake County IT and must be of the same manufacturer as the fiber connectors.

## **5.0 WORK AREA AND PATCH CORD CABLE ASSEMBLIES**

The Division of Information Systems will provide the patch cords for the workstations unless they are specifically included as part of the project. Cables must not exceed 5 meters (16 ft) in length and should be approved by Lake County BCC IT.

## **6.0 CABLING SYSTEM TESTING**

All cables and termination hardware shall be 100% tested for defects in installation and to verify cable performance under installed conditions. The contractor prior to system acceptance shall verify all conductors of each installed cable useable. Any defect in the cabling system installation including but not limited to cable, connectors, feed through couplers, patch panels, and connector blocks shall be repaired or replaced in order to ensure 100% useable conductors in all cables installed. All cables shall be tested in accordance with this document, and best industry practices. If any of these are in conflict, the Contractor shall be responsible to bring any discrepancies to the attention of the project manager for clarification and/or resolution.

### **6.1 PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION**

#### **6.1.1 COPPER**

Category 6 data cable shall be performance verified using an automated test set. Test results shall be automatically evaluated by the equipment, using the most up-to-date criteria from the TIA/EIA Standard currently ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B.2, and the result shown as pass/fail. Test results shall be printed directly from the test unit or from a download file using an application from the test equipment manufacturer. The printed test results shall include all tests performed, the expected test result and the actual test result achieved.

#### **6.1.2 FIBER**

All 50/125um multimode optical fiber and/or Single mode optical fiber must be manufactured by CORNING Cable Systems and it would be preferable that all fiber cable is from the same manufacturer lot number. After installation, it must be performance verified using an automated test set. Test results shall be automatically evaluated by the equipment, using the most up-to-date criteria from the TIA/EIA Standard currently ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B.3, and the results shown as pass/fail. Test results shall be printed directly from the test unit or from a download file using an application from the test equipment manufacturer. The printed test results shall include all tests performed, the expected test result and the actual test result achieved.

## **7.0 SAFETY / ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **7.1 FIRESTOP SYSTEMS**

A fire stop system is comprised of: the item or items penetrating the fire rated structure; the opening in the structure and the materials and assembly of the materials used to seal the penetrated structure. Fire stop systems comprise an effective block for fire, heat, vapor and pressurized water stream.

All penetrations through fire rated building structures (walls and floors) shall be sealed with an appropriate fire stop system. This requirement applies to through penetrations (complete penetration) and membrane penetrations (through one side of a hollow fire rated structure). Any penetrating items i.e., riser slots and sleeves, cables, conduit, cable tray, and raceways, etc. shall be properly fire stopped.

#### **7.1.1 PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

Fire stop systems shall be UL Classified to ASTM E814 (UL 1479) and shall be approved by the Lake County Fire Marshal. A drawing showing the proposed fire stopped system, shall be provided to Lake County's Technical Representative and Fire Marshall prior to installing the fire stop system(s).

#### **7.1.2 FIRESTOP SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

All fire stop systems shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and shall be completely installed and available for inspection by the local inspection authorities prior to cabling system acceptance.

#### **7.2 GROUNDING AND BONDING**

The facility shall be equipped with a Telecommunications Bonding Backbone (TBB). This backbone shall be used to ground all telecommunications cable shields, equipment, racks, cabinets, raceways, and other associated hardware that has the potential for acting as a current carrying conductor. The TBB shall be installed independent of the buildings electrical and building ground and shall be designed in accordance with the recommendations contained in the TIA/EIA-607 Telecommunications Bonding and Grounding Standard.

The main entrance facility/equipment room in each building shall be equipped with a telecommunications main grounding bus bar (TMGB). Each telecommunications closet shall be provided with a telecommunications ground bus bar (TGB). The TMGB shall be connected to the building electrical entrance grounding facility. The intent of this system is to provide a grounding system that is equal in potential to the building electrical ground system. Therefore, ground loop current potential is minimized between telecommunications equipment and the electrical system to which it is attached.

#### **7.2.1 PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

All racks, metallic backboards, cable sheaths, metallic strength members, splice cases, cable trays, etc. entering or residing in the TC or ER shall be grounded to the respective TGB or TMGB using a minimum #6 AWG stranded copper bonding conductor and compression connectors. Where metallic panels attached to the rack do not have sufficient metal to metal contact to provide an adequate path to ground, they shall be bonded to the rack using a minimum #14 AWG copper conductor. The copper conductor size shall be upgraded based on the largest power conductor feeding any rack mount equipment. The conductor shall be continuous; attaching all isolated components in a daisy chain fashion from top to bottom and bonded to the rack using an appropriate compression connector.

All wires used for telecommunications grounding purposes shall be identified with a green insulation. Non-insulated wires shall be identified at each termination point with a wrap of green tape. All cables, and bus bars shall be identified and labeled.

#### **7.2.2 GROUND SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

The TBB shall adhere to the recommendations of the TIA/EIA-607 standard, and shall be installed in accordance with best industry practices. Installation and termination of the main bonding conductor to the building service entrance ground, at a minimum, shall be performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

#### **7.3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Environmental considerations need to be made for the telecommunications room where networking equipment will be in use. If possible air conditioning shall be installed on a separate zone so that the air can be run during the winter. If air conditioning cannot be afforded, heavy-duty airflow and exhaust fans should be used to keep the room below 90 degrees.

#### **7.4 FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

A fire extinguisher (CO2 or type dependant on local fire codes) shall be hung inside all equipment rooms and telecommunications rooms.

## **7.5 SPRINKLER SYSTEM**

Sprinkler systems heads should be rated for higher temperature to prevent them from going off inadvertently as the water can harm networking equipment. If needed, special hoods may be fabricated to prevent water from directly assessing computer equipment.

## **8.0 SYSTEM DOCUMENTATION**

The following section describes the installation, administration, testing, and as-built documentation required to be produced and maintained by the contractor during the course of the installation.

### **8.1 CABLING SYSTEM LABELING**

The contractor shall develop and submit for approval a labeling system for the cable installation. Lake County BCC will negotiate an appropriate labeling scheme with the successful contractor. At a minimum, the labeling system shall clearly identify all components of the system: racks, cables, panels and outlets. The labeling system shall designate the cables origin and destination and a unique identifier for the cable within the system. Racks and patch panels shall be labeled to identify the location within the cabling system infrastructure. All labeling information shall be recorded on the as-built drawings and all test documents shall reflect the appropriate labeling scheme. All label printing will be machine generated using indelible ink ribbons or cartridges. Self-laminating labels will be used on cable jackets, appropriately sized to the OD of the cable, and placed within view at the termination point on each end. Outlet labels will be the manufacturer's labels provided with the outlet assembly.

#### **8.1.1 DEFAULT LABELING SCHEME**

All cable outlets and termination panels/bays or blocks will be appropriately labeled to match the cable using the following default labeling scheme is an approved scheme has not been negotiated:

- Room number
- (dash)
- Device Code (O-outlet, P-Patch Panel, B-Block)
- Device number (devices numbered 1-9 going around the room in a clockwise direction from the entrance)
- D or V (for data or voice)
- Outlet number on the plate, port number on the panel

### **8.2 AS-BUILT DRAWINGS**

The installation contractor will be provided with 2 sets of D or E-size drawings at the start of the project. One set will be designated for as the central location to document all as-built information as it occurs throughout the project. The central set will be maintained by the Contractor's Foreman on a daily basis, and will be available to the Technical representative upon request during the course of the project. Anticipated variations from the build-to drawings may be for such things as cable routing and actual outlet placement. No variations will be allowed to the planned termination positions of horizontal and backbone cables, and grounding conductors unless approved in writing by Lake County BCC.

The Contractor shall provide the central drawing set to the Lake County BCC at the conclusion of the project. The marked up drawing set will accurately depict the as-built status of the system including termination locations, cable routing, and all administration labeling for the cabling system. In addition, a narrative will be provided that describes any areas of difficulty encountered during the installation that could potentially cause problems to the telecommunications system.

## **Requirements for As-built drawings**

Backbone diagrams shall include:

- one line diagrams for UTP copper cabling with cable counts.
- one line diagrams for optical fiber cabling with cable counts (including lot number).

Floor Diagrams shall include:

- TR locations and room numbers.
- Work area outlets (WAO) and faceplate labels.
- TR wiring zones, which identify WAOs served.
- Horizontal cabling pathways including penetrations and fire stopping.

TR Diagrams shall include:

- TR room number.
- Rack locations.
- Power outlet locations.
- Conduit entrance locations.

### **8.3 TEST DOCUMENTATION**

Test documentation shall be provided in a three ring binder(s) within three weeks after the completion of the project. The binder(s) shall be clearly marked on the outside front cover and spine with the words "Test Results", the project name, and the date of completion (month and year). The binder shall be divided by major heading tabs, Horizontal and Backbone. Each major heading shall be further sectioned by test type. Within the horizontal and backbone sections, and scanner test results (Category 6 )(10GBase-T), shall be segregated by tab. Test data within each section shall be presented in the sequence listed in the administration records. The test equipment by name, manufacturer, model number and last calibration date will also be provided at the end of the document. Unless a more frequent calibration cycle is specified by the manufacturer, an annual calibration cycle is anticipated on all test equipment used for this installation. The test document shall detail the test method used and the specific settings of the equipment during the test. Scanner tests shall be printed on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

When repairs and re-tests are performed, the problem found and corrective action taken shall be noted, and both the failed and passed test data shall be collocated in the binder.

## **9.0 WARRANTY AND SERVICES**

### **9.1 CABLING SYSTEM WARRANTY**

The telecommunications contractor shall facilitate a 5-Year extended System Performance Warranty between the manufacturer and Lake County BCC. The extended component warranty shall be provided which warrants functionality of all components used in the system for 5 years from the date of acceptance. The performance warranty shall warrant the installed 625 MHz horizontal copper, and if installed by the contractor both the horizontal and backbone optical fiber portions of the cabling system. Copper links shall be warranted against the link performance minimum expected results defined in TIA/EIA-568-B.2-1 (latest draft).

## **9.2 POST INSTALLATION MAINTENANCE**

The contractor shall furnish an hourly rate with the proposal submittal, which shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of acceptance. This rate will be used when cabling support is required to affect moves, adds, and changes to the system (MACs). MACs shall not void the Contractor's nor manufacturer's warranty.

## **9.3 PROJECT MANAGEMENT / GENERAL**

The contractor shall establish a point of contact with Lake County BCC who will be responsible for reporting progress and updating Lake County's Technical Representatives, (FMO Project Manager, LCIT Information Systems, LCIT Telecommunications) with issues that Lake County BCC must address to facilitate the cabling system installation. The contractor's POC shall provide daily written reports to Lake County's Technical Representatives detailing progress. Requests for access to limited access or restricted areas shall be made the day prior to the required access. Information critical to the completion of the task or project shall be communicated to the county's Technical Representatives, as the requirement becomes known. Casual information shall be passed during the scheduled progress report.

The contractor shall maintain Lake County's facility in a neat and orderly manner during the installation of the communications cabling system. Lake County's facilities shall be maintained in broom clean condition at the completion of work each day. At the completion of work in each area, the contractor will perform a final cleaning of debris prior to moving the installation crew to the next work area.

## **10.0 CABLING SYSTEM ACCEPTANCE**

Lake County's Technical Representatives will make periodic inspection of the project in progress. One inspection will be performed at the conclusion of cable pulling, prior to closing of the false ceiling, to inspect the method of cable routing and support, and the fire stopping of penetrations. A second inspection will be performed at completion of cable termination to validate that cables were dressed and terminated in accordance with TIA/EIA specifications for jacket removal and pair untwist, compliance with manufacturer's minimum bend radius, and that cable ends are dressed neatly and orderly.

### **10.1 FINAL INSPECTION**

Upon completion of the project, Lake County's Technical Representatives will perform a final inspection of the installed cabling system with the Contractor's Project Foreman. The final inspection will be performed to validate that all horizontal and backbone cables were installed as defined in the drawing package, and that the installation meets the aesthetic expectations of Lake County BCC.

### **10.2 TEST VERIFICATION**

Upon receipt of the test documentation, Lake County reserves the right to perform spot testing of a representative sample of the cabling system to validate test results provided in the test document. Lake County BCC testing will use the same method employed by the contractor, and minor variations will be allowed to account for differences in test equipment. If significant discrepancies are found the contractor will be notified for resolution.

### **10.3 SYSTEM PERFORMANCE**

During the three-week period between final inspection and delivery of the test and as-built documentation, Lake County BCC will activate the cabling system. Lake County BCC will validate operation of the cabling system during this period.

### **10.4 FINAL ACCEPTANCE**

Completion of: the installation; in-progress and final inspections; receipt of the test and as-built documentation; and successful performance of the system for a two week period will constitute acceptance of the system.

## APPENDIX A – Lake County Network Cabling Check List For Contractors

### Lake County Network Cabling Check List For Contractors

*Complete details can be found in the Lake County Telecommunications Specs and the Design Standards for Communication Wiring Systems Documents*

✓	Cable contractor must have a BICSI Registered/Certified Communications Distribution Designer (RCDD) on staff
✓	Cable installer must be an experienced telecommunications contractor with a minimum of two years experience and must be certified in the system(s) being installing
✓	Lake County IT shall receive a set of As-Built drawings (section 8.2 County telecommunications specs)
✓	Contractor shall develop and submit to Lake County IT for approval a labeling system for cable installation (section 8.1 County telecommunications specs)
✓	Lake County IT shall receive all cable tests documented and presented in a three ring binder(s) within three weeks after completion of the project.
✓	All backbone fiber installation shall be done by a Corning certified vendor and all test results must be submitted to Corning as to comply with the Corning 25 year manufacturer warranty program
✓	Contractor shall provide cabling warranty and services as specified in section 9.0 of County telecommunications specs
✓	Proper grounding of all telecommunications equipment must meet best practices and County telecommunication specs section 7.0
✓	All backbone fiber shall be manufactured by Corning cable systems, other fiber shall be manufactured by Corning cable systems unless approved by Lake County IT
✓	All multimode fiber shall be 50/125um and shall be terminated with LC connectors
✓	All single mode fiber shall be terminated with LC connectors
✓	All fiber shall be terminated by the contractor on a wall mounted LIU panel or rack mounted LIU whichever is most appropriate and the LIU shall be equipped with LC to LC couplers
✓	The minimum strand count for single mode backbone fiber running from building to building shall be 96 strand
✓	The minimum strand count from each telecommunications closet to the Main Distribution Room shall be 12 strand of multimode and 6 strand of single mode, preferably provided with a single hybrid fiber cable
✓	If a floor contains multiple telecommunications closets then a minimum strand count of 12 strand multimode and 6 strand single mode shall be run between each closet, preferably provided with a single a hybrid fiber cable
✓	The minimum strand count from each server room to the Main Distribution Room shall be 12 strand of multimode and 6 strand of single mode, preferably provided with a single hybrid fiber cable
✓	All data cables shall be blue colored Category 6, 100 ohm UTP and manufactured by an approved vendor
✓	All data cables shall be terminated on an approved category 6 patch panels in the telecommunications closet
✓	All data and voice cables shall be terminated at the work area using Systimax category 6 modular data jacks.
✓	Work area telecommunications outlets shall be placed one per 100 sq ft and should be within 3' of an electrical outlet and at the same height
✓	Each work area outlet shall consist of two blue colored Systimax data jacks and two ivory colored voice jacks with a ivory colored Systimax four port flush faceplate
✓	Each work area outlet will consist of two blue jacks terminated with data cables, one ivory jack terminated with a voice cable and one un-terminated ivory jack
✓	A single pull string should be left in the conduit at each outlet position.
✓	¾" Plywood covering as much wall, floor to ceiling, as possible not to be any smaller than 4' x 8' for the PBX equipment

Picture below is provided as an example of the backboard just for the telephone termination equipment

