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APPLICABILITY:

- This Specification Bulletin (SB) is effective for projects advertised on or after 7/01/2026.

SUPERSEDEENCE:

- This SB supersedes the following SBs: **24-013**.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. *Section 6.40 (8 pages)*

REVISIONS TO THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD HIGHWAY SPECIFICATIONS, DATED 5/16/2022:

All references contained below are to the New York City Department of Transportation Standard Highway Specifications, Dated May 16, 2022. Said Standard Specifications are hereby revised as follows:

- a. **Refer** to Section 6.40 – Engineer's Field Office
Delete in its entirety Section;
Substitute the revised Section in Attachment 1 (8 pages)

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SECTION 6.40 – Engineer’s Field Office

6.40.1. DESCRIPTION. The Contractor must provide, furnish, and maintain a fully equipped field office (Type A, B, C, CU, D, DC, or DU, as specified) for the exclusive use of and occupancy by the Department’s engineering personnel and/or Supervising Consultant, and by the engineering personnel of private utilities when specified (herein after called “City personnel” in this Section). The field office must be at a location approved by the Engineer and must be a commercial building, store front, or with the approval of both Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination (OCMC) and the Community Board it may be a mobile trailer(s). If a trailer is used it must be subject to approval by the Engineer, and all necessary permits must be obtained by the Contractor. The Contractor may have facilities in an adjoining area separated by a lockable door, provided such facilities are in a location approved by the Engineer. The field office must be within ½ mile of the job site. Field offices located further than ½ mile from the job site will require approval by the Director or Assistant Commissioner for Construction.

The field office structure and occupancy thereof must conform to the requirements of all laws, rules, regulations and orders applicable to it.

The field office and all equipment, except as otherwise specified, may be new materials or may be used materials in good condition and satisfactory to the Engineer.

6.40.2. MATERIALS.

(A) **GENERAL CONSTRUCTION.** The Engineer’s Field Office must be in an approved and weatherproof building. It must have a minimum ceiling height of seven (7’) feet and be partitioned to provide the number of rooms required for the type of office specified. Floor space for Field Office Types C, CU, D, and DU must be subdivided into work areas based on a floor plan provided by the City to the Contractor upon notification of space availability.

(B) **GENERAL FACILITIES.** The field office must contain or have the following facilities incorporated:

- (a) Lighting - Electric light, non-glare type luminaries to provide a minimum illumination level of 100 ft.- candles at desk height level.
- (b) Heating and Cooling - Adequate equipment to maintain an ambient air temperature of 70° F. ±5°.
- (c) Electrical Energy Outlets, in the type, quantity, and rating required for the equipment supplied.
- (d) Toilet - A separate enclosed room, properly ventilated per code and complying with applicable sanitary codes must contain a lavatory with a sink that provides running hot and cold water, flush-type toilet, mirror, electric hand dryer, and paper towel dispenser.
- (e) Potable Water - Potable water supplied from an existing system or five (5) gallon capacity water cooler of a type to be approved by the Engineer must be provided for use by City personnel. Replacement bottles of water must be provided by the Contractor, when required.
- (f) Signs - Store front locations must have a window graphic sign in black and white lettering with the following inscription. Other locations must have a wood or metal sign affixed on the outside wall of the building with the following inscription painted in black block lettering on a white background. Paints must be approved exterior enamels.

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RESIDENT ENGINEER’S FIELD OFFICE**

2-1/2”
3-1/2”
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- (g) Electric Refrigerator - Five (5) cubic feet minimum capacity for use by City personnel.
 - (h) Microwave, Toaster Oven, and Coffee Maker - Basic reheating equipment or approved appliances for use by City personnel.
 - (i) Windows and Doors - All windows and doors must be weatherproof and each equipped with adequate locking devices. Each window must be equipped with vertical blinds. Exterior doors must be provided with two (2) separate "high security" dead bolt type cylinder locks, keyed alike, and three (3) keys must be furnished for each lock.
 - (j) Partitions - Partitions for work space enclosures must be either permanent walls or of the modular type similar to Herman Miller's standard fabric covered line.
 - (k) Kitchen Sink – Mechanism to provide non-drinking, hot and cold, running water. If the water in the sink is not potable, it must be clearly marked as such.
 - (l) Security Cameras – Wifi enabled security cameras must be provided at all entrances and exits, except that fire escapes / emergency stairwells do not require cameras. One security camera must be provided for the interior of the field office, with the location to be determined by the Engineer. Cameras must be minimum 1080p video resolution. Cameras must have internet cloud storage, with all videos stored for a minimum of two weeks. The cloud storage must be accessible via desktop or mobile. Cameras may be hardwired for power or battery powered; battery powered cameras must have the batteries changed by the Contractor as required to ensure no lapses of service. Signs must be posted indicating that the area is under video surveillance.
- (C) OFFICE EQUIPMENT.
- (a) Pencil Sharpener - One standard pencil sharpener for use by City personnel.
 - (b) Telephone Answering Machine - The telephone answering machine to be provided must be an electronic digital voice machine with emergency call forwarding capability. It must be operable twenty four (24) hours per day and, when unattended, must transmit to the caller the following message:

 "You have reached the Field Office of the New York City Dept. of Design and Construction. No one is here now. We check our incoming messages frequently. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Please leave your name, message and phone number where you may be reached. In case of emergency, call the New York City Hotline at 311. Again, the emergency number is 311."

 All electronic voicemail messages must be automatically forwarded as email attachments, to allow for the voicemails to be played remotely.
 - (c) Computer Equipment - Computers must be provided for all contracts regardless of construction duration.

 Computers furnished by the Contractor for use by Department personnel and supervising consultant, for the duration of the contract, must be in accordance with Table I - ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, contained herein, and must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - (1) Personal Computers – Personal Computers must meet the requirements outlined in the latest version of the US General Services Administration (GSA) Government-Wide Strategic Solutions (GSS) Standard Laptop, Desktop, and Tablet Specifications (Available online at https://sewp.nasa.gov/gss_techspecs.shtml).
 - (a) Computer type for Personal Computers to be "Desktop Small Form Factor." Computer type for projector laptop to be "Lightweight Notebook" or "Notebook"
 - (b) The following components listed as optional in the GSA specification must be provided with each personal computer: monitor, speakers, optical drive, smart card reader, webcam, and headset.

(c) The following additional software must be provided with licenses for each computer:

1. Adobe Acrobat Pro DC or Bluebeam Revu
2. Microsoft Office Professional
3. Autodesk AutoCAD LT
4. Anti-virus software (McAfee or as approved by the Engineer)
5. Microsoft Visio (only one license required per field office)

(2) All field offices requiring computers must be provided with the following:

(a) One (1) broad-band internet service account. See table below for minimum required upload and download speeds. Because of throughput requirements Verizon FIOS is the preferred connectivity provider where available.

Office Personnel #	Download Speeds (<i>Minimum</i>)	Upload Speeds (<i>Minimum</i>)
1 – 5	10 Mbps	15 Mbps
6 – 10	20 Mbps	15 Mbps
11 – 15	25 Mbps	15 Mbps
16 – 20	50 Mbps	15 Mbps

This account will be active for the life of the project. The e-mail name for the account must be the NYCDDC Field Office/project Id (preferably Gmail or Outlook – e.g. HWK666@gmail.com).

(b) All necessary Cabling.

(c) UPS/Surge Suppressor combo.

(d) 10 USB Thumb (or Flash) Drive – 16 GB each

(3) All computers required for use in the Engineer's Field Office must be delivered, installed, and setup in the Field Office by the Contractor.

(4) All Computer Hardware must come with a three (3) year warranty for on-site repair or replacement. Additionally, and notwithstanding any terms of the warranty to the contrary, the Contractor is responsible for rectifying all computer problems or equipment failures within one (1) business day.

(5) An adequate supply of paper and toner cartridges for the printer must be provided by the Contractor, and must be replenished by the Contractor as required by the Engineer.

(6) It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that electrical service, data, and phone connections are also available at all times; that is, the Field Office Computer(s) is to be powered and turned on twenty-four (24) hours each day.

Broadband connectivity is preferred at each field office location. Please take into consideration that an extra phone line dedicated to the modem must be ordered as part of the contract unless Internet broadband connectivity, via Cable or FiOS, is available at the planned field office location. Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Director of Information Technology Services at 718-391-1761.

(d) Data Access - Electronic access to the Equipment Watch Retail Rental Rates database (formerly known as The AED Green Book, published by Equipment Watch), must be provided for all contracts that have a total Consecutive Calendar Days for General Construction duration as set forth in Schedule A of greater than 545 CCD's. Contracts of lesser duration do not require any data access.

(D) Field Testing Equipment. The equipment below must be provided, and include all necessary certifications, calibration, and re-calibration, as necessary.

- (a) Air Entrainment Meters - Pressure Type, with carrying case for use by City personnel. Each meter must be capable of producing an accurate test result in approximately five (5) minutes and must comply with ASTM Designation C231.
 - (b) Slump Test Sets - Slump cone and test sets conforming to the requirements of ASTM Designation C143, complete with rod and scoop for use by City personnel.
 - (c) Thermometers: For use by City personnel.
 - (1) 1 Minimum-maximum thermometer.
 - (2) 3 Asphalt thermometers of stainless steel construction with an accuracy of 0.5% of the full scale, able to measure temperatures from 50 to 500 degrees F. in 5 degree increments.
 - (3) 3 Surface Thermometers able to measure temperatures of flat surfaces similar to Sargent-Welsh Model S81441-D, or an approved equivalent.
 - (d) Nonsparking Pinch Bar - For use in opening manholes.
 - (e) Gas Meters - For use in detecting the presence of explosive gases and vapors for use by City personnel.
 - (f) Straight Edge - One 10 foot long straight edge for use by City personnel, suitable for detecting pavement surface tolerance.
 - (g) 48" Smart Level – Suitable for use in determining pedestrian ramp and sidewalk slopes.
 - (h) Chlorine Test Kits – For testing residual chlorine levels following water main flushing.
 - (i) Green Florescent Power Trace-Dye – For testing sewer connections.
 - (j) One Million Candlepower Rechargeable Flashlight.
 - (k) Distance Measuring Wheel – For measuring long distances.
- (E) Additional Office Electronics –
- (a) Photocopying machine must be a stand-alone, heavy duty, electric, dry-process color photocopying type with color scan and send capability via e-mail, a minimum production rate of 70 pages per minute and an adequate supply of copy paper, toner, etc. The machine must be capable of duplex copying paper sizes of 8-1/2 x 11 inches, 8-1/2 x 14 inches and 11 x 17 inches, and have separate trays for each paper size. It must have a document feeder, collator, stapler, and the capability to reduce/enlarge copies between each paper size. The supply of each size copy paper, toner, etc. must be replenished and the machines must be maintained for the duration of the contract by the Contractor as required by the Engineer. Make and model can be Minolta, Canon, IBM, Epson, or an approved equivalent, and must be networked to the office computers for printing capability.
 - (b) Fax machine must be provided with an adequate supply of copy paper, toner, etc. The supply of copy paper, toner, etc. must be replenished and the machines must be maintained for the duration of the contract by the Contractor as required by the Engineer.
 - (c) Paper shredder must be a heavy duty commercial grade diamond cut shredder with automatic start. The shredder must be able to receive 8-1/2 inch wide paper and shred a minimum of 15 sheets simultaneously along with CDs and staples.
 - (d) Projector must be 1080p LCD with a min. of 2200 ANSI Lumens, 1920 x 1080, 16:9, 40,000:1 contrast ratio, HDMI, VGA, USB, and a 10' diagonal, 16:9 Projection Screen. A screen must be provided if directed by the Engineer. A laptop must be provided for use with the projector, and all required cables for connecting the laptop to the projector.

6.40.3. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE.

In addition to the general requirements, each type of Field Office must have the minimum floor area indicated in Table 6.40-I calculated based on usable area only, excluding any loss factors. Loss factors are defined as those areas such as lobby, sidewalk window ledge, elevator shafts and stairways. The Contractor must provide and maintain furnishings for each type of Field Office in the quantity specified in Table 6.40-I. The furnishings must be new or used equipment satisfactory to the Engineer:

- (a) Each Type must have a minimum of one outside door and four windows.
- (b) Type C must be partitioned to provide three (3) rooms.
- (c) Type CU must be partitioned to provide four (4) rooms, one of which must be at least 150 s.f. in area (for use by private utilities).
- (d) Type D and DC must be partitioned to provide four (4) rooms.
- (e) Type DU must be partitioned to provide five (5) rooms, one of which must be at least 150 s.f. in area (for use by private utilities).

TABLE 6.40-I – ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS	FIELD OFFICE TYPE						
	A	B	C	CU	D	DC	DU
Minimum useable floor space (Square Feet)	400	800	1,200	1,200	1,800	2,320	1,800
Office desks, at least 4'-8" x 2'-8", with drawers, locks, and keys.	2	2	4	8 ^a	8	8	12 ^a
Swivel chairs, with arms, for the above.	2	2	4	8 ^a	8	8	12 ^a
Office folding chairs, metal, with padded seats and backs.	2	3	6	14 ^b	8	8	16 ^b
Steel supply cabinets (approximate size 72" high by 36" wide by 18" deep), with four adjustable shelves, tumbler lock and 3 keys.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fire resistant cabinet, 4-drawer, legal size with lock and three (3) keys, meeting the requirements for "Filing devices, Insulated (36 E 9)" Class D Label, of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. Specifications.	1	1	1	3 ^c	4	4	6 ^c
Individual lockers (17" wide x 18" deep x 72" high) with flat key locks and two (2) keys each.	1	1	4	4	4	4	4
Calculating machines, tape type with digital display registering at least ten (10) digits.	1	1	2	2	3	3	3
Waste paper baskets (metal, approximately 12" square by 16" high).	1	2	2	6 ^a	4	4	8 ^a
Fire extinguishers, non-toxic, dry chemical type meeting Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., approval for Class A, Class B and Class C fires with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:10C.	1	1	2	3 ^d	4	8	5 ^d
First Aid Kit kept properly stocked with appropriate first aid supplies at all times.	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Drafting tables (3'-0" x 5'-0") with storage drawers and stool.	1	2	2	3 ^d	4	4	5 ^d
Photocopying Machine	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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	A	B	C	CU	D	DC	DU
Standalone networked color laser printer. (Not required if photocopying machine prints in color)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vertical filing plan racks for six sets of 22"x36" plans each rack.	1	1	2	3 ^d	4	4	5 ^d
Telephone lines for calls, where one must be dedicated for the Fax Machine, one for each computer fax/modem and the others for telephone instruments.	4	6	6	7 ^e	8	8	9 ^e
Telephone instruments.	2	2	3	5 ^e	4	4	6 ^e
Telephone answering machine.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fax Machine	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Computer	1	3	3	3	4	4	4
Bottled water with refrigerator unit-hot/cold water. (For private utilities room.)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Paper Shredder	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Projector	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Conference Room, 320 square foot (20'x16' minimum, equipped with (2) 3'x6.5' tables and (30) chairs.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

^a Provide four (4) each of Office Desks, Swivel Chairs and Waste Paper Baskets in private utilities room.

^b Provide eight (8) Folding Chairs in private utilities room.

^c Provide two (2) Fire Resistant 4- Drawer Legal Size Cabinets in private utilities room.

^d Provide one (1) each of Fire Extinguisher, Drafting Table and Vertical File Rack in private utilities room.

^e Provide one (1) telephone line and two (2) telephone instruments for the exclusive use by private utilities personnel. The line must interconnect the two telephone instruments by push button control.

6.40.4. CONSTRUCTION METHODS. The building must be fully equipped and made available for use and occupancy by the Department's personnel and/or Supervision Consultant not less than thirty (30) days prior to the start of any contract work.

The building interior (including access foyers, stairwells, etc.) must be maintained in good, clean, and sanitary working condition by the Contractor for the duration of the contract. The Contractor must provide and pay all costs for electrical service, telephone service for calls within New York City limits, hot and cold water, heat and fuel, and daily janitor service. Staples, such as paper towels, hand soap, toilet paper, and similar supplies, must always be available.

Where necessary, the site for a mobile trailer(s) must be graded and shoulder stone placed and maintained as directed by the Engineer to provide a parking area for City personnel and, if necessary, an approach road must be provided. Plumbing work must include all water supply, drainage and piping required for the operation of a complete installation. Temporary water service must be provided from an existing main and extended into the trailer and all fixtures requiring water supply must be properly connected up. All necessary soil, waste, vent and drainage piping must be provided and connected to the existing sewer or as otherwise directed.

The office, incorporated facilities, equipment, and personal property of the Department's employees must be protected by the Contractor against loss or damage from fire, theft, or other causes, at all hours of the day and night. The Contractor must provide fire insurance, extended coverage and vandalism, malicious mischief and burglary, and theft insurance coverage in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for office equipment of the City of New York in the Engineer's field office and for property of City personnel that is used in the contract work and stored in the office. All insurance coverage must be written by a company approved by the Commissioner and payable in case of loss to the City of New York. The office must be maintained by the Contractor in first class condition until Final Acceptance of the work.

At the direction of the Engineer, any equipment on the above lists may be deleted. The Engineer may direct that other equipment of equivalent value be supplied by the Contractor or an appropriate credit be taken for the value of equipment not provided.

When directed by the Engineer, the Contractor must disconnect all services and remove and dispose of all temporary installations from the site, including fencing, surfacing and utilities, the area must then be cleaned, loamed and seeded if required and left in a neat and acceptable condition. On and after the date of the Engineer's Final Acceptance, the temporary structure and all installed equipment shall become the property of the Contractor, and must be disposed of, by him, away from the site of the work. Engineer's Final Acceptance shall be when the Contractor has completed all punch list work and Official Completion Date has been set.

6.40.5. NONCONFORMANCE. No payment will be made under Engineer's Field Office for each calendar day during which there are deficiencies in compliance with the requirements of any subsection of this specification. The first calendar day shall commence twenty-four (24) hours after notice to the Contractor of such a deficiency. This non-payment shall be deducted from the Contractor's next estimate as a charge to the Contractor on the item. The amount of such calendar day non-payment will be determined by dividing the unit price bid per month by 30.

In addition, the Contractor may be subject to liquidated damages in accordance with Schedule A.

6.40.6. MEASUREMENT. The quantity to be measured for payment under this item must be the number of months, to the nearest quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) month, that the Field Office is available for occupancy by the Field Engineers during the period of the contract. Payment will begin the first month that the office is fully equipped, serviced as specified, and made available for occupancy. The Field Office is to be continuously made available and monthly payments will continue for the duration of the contract through a period not to exceed 6 months past the Substantial Completion date. When directed in writing by the Commissioner, the Field Office will be provided and paid for a period of time beyond 6 months past the Substantial Completion date. Payment for each month's occupancy after the date of Substantial Completion acceptance will be made as part of the final estimate. Monthly payments may be terminated on a specified date prior to acceptance of the contract by written notification by the Engineer that such office will no longer be required on the contract.

To incentivize early Substantial Completion of the Project, payment under this item will be determined as follows:

If the determination of Substantial Completion is reached at least two (2) months earlier than the Substantial Completion date set forth in the Notice to Proceed letter, plus any approved time extensions, the Contractor will receive an incentive on this item equal to half of the value of the saved amount. This payment will be in addition to any payments of incentive for early completion, if one is specified for the Project.

For example, using a contract with a 30-month duration for achievement of substantial completion, with the Engineer's Field Office directed by the Commissioner to remain open six (6) months after the substantial completion date per Subsection 6.40.6 above, the following would apply under these two scenarios:

1. Project substantial completion is achieved in 28.5 months: Because the contract was completed within two (2) months of the scheduled substantial completion date, the contractor will receive payment for the 28.5 month project duration plus the six (6) months after Substantial Completion, amounting to 34.5 months to be paid to the Contractor for the Engineer's Field Office, with no additional amounts due to the Contractor from any incentives.
2. Project substantial completion is achieved in 26 months: Because the contract was substantially completed more than two (2) months early, the contractor will be paid for the 26 month project duration plus six (6) months after substantial completion plus an incentive equal to half of the four months saved, amounting to 34 months to be paid to the contractor for the Engineer's Field Office.

6.40.7. PRICE TO COVER. The unit price bid per month for the item Engineer's Field Office must include the cost of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, ground rental, fire and theft insurance, and utility charges necessary to complete the work of providing or constructing the field office; making all necessary electrical, water, sewer, and other connections required to make the above facilities operative; payment of all rental costs; furnishing and paying for heating fuel, as required; all electrical energy; private

telephone services; staples, as specified; and all necessary incidentals to complete the work - all in accordance with the specifications and the directions of the Engineer.

Payment will be made under:

Item No.	Item	Pay Unit
6.40 A	ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE (Type A)	MONTH
6.40 B	ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE (Type B)	MONTH
6.40 C	ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE (Type C)	MONTH
6.40 CU	ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE (Joint Use) (Type CU)	MONTH
6.40 D	ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE (Type D)	MONTH
6.40 DC	ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE WITH CONFERENCE ROOM	MONTH
6.40 DU	ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE (Joint Use) (Type DU)	MONTH