

SECTION 03 20 00 - CONCRETE REINFORCING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. Section includes cast-in-place concrete reinforcement, for the following:
 - 1. Footings.
 - 2. Foundation walls.
 - 3. Slabs-on-grade.
- B. Related Sections:
 - 1. Section 03 10 00 "Concrete Forming and Accessories".
 - 2. Section 03 30 00 "Cast In Place Concrete".
 - 3. Section 04 22 00 "Concrete Unit Masonry".
 - 4. Section 31 20 00 "Earth Moving".

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. The latest adopted edition of all standards referenced in this section shall apply, unless noted otherwise.
 - 1. American Concrete Institute (ACI)
 - a. ACI 117 – Specifications for Tolerances for Concrete Construction and Materials.
 - b. ACI 301 – Specifications for Structural Concrete for Buildings
 - c. ACI 315 – Details and Detailing of Concrete Reinforcement
 - d. SP-66 ACI Detailing Manual
 - 2. American Welding Society (AWS)
 - a. AWS D1.1 – Structural Welding Code
 - 3. Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI)
 - a. CRSI – Manual of Standard Practice
 - b. CRSI 63 – Recommended Practice for Placing Reinforcing Bars
 - c. CRSI 65 – Recommended Practice for Placing Bar Supports, Specifications and Nomenclature.
 - 4. American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM)
 - a. ASTM-A185: Standard Specification for Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement.
 - b. ASTM-A663: Standard Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Merchant Quality, Mechanical Properties.
 - c. ASTM-A615: Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
 - d. ASTM-A675: Standard Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality, Mechanical Properties.

- e. ASTM-A706: Standard Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
 - f. ASTM-A775: Standard Specification for Epoxy-Coated Reinforcing Steel Bars.
 - g. ASTM-A884: Standard Specification for Epoxy-Coated Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement.
- B. In the case of conflict between the Contract Documents and a reference standard, the Contract Documents shall govern. In the case of a conflict between the Contract Documents and the Building Code, the more stringent shall govern.

1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of product indicated.
- B. Steel Reinforcement Shop Drawings: Placing drawings that detail fabrication, bending, and placement. Include bar sizes, lengths, material, grade, bar schedules, stirrup spacing, bent bar diagrams, bar arrangement, splices and laps, mechanical connections, tie spacing, hoop spacing, and supports for concrete reinforcement, according to ACI 315 "Details and Detailing of Concrete Reinforcement."
 - 1. Do not reproduce the structural drawings for use as shop drawings.
- C. Bar Supports: Submit manufacturer's product information for bolsters, chairs, spaces, and other devices for spacing, supporting, and fastening reinforcing bars and welded wire fabric.

1.5 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Qualification Data: For testing agency, installer, and fabricator as indicated herein.
- B. Welding certificates.
- C. Material Certificates: For each of the following, signed by manufacturers:
 - 1. Steel reinforcement and accessories.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Testing Agency Qualifications: Refer Section 01 45 23.
- B. Installer Qualifications: An experienced installer who has completed reinforcing installation work similar in material, design, and extent to that indicated for this Project and whose work has resulted in construction with a record of successful in service performance.
- C. Fabricator Qualifications: An experienced fabricator who has completed reinforcing fabrication work similar in material, design, and extent to that indicated for this Project and whose work has resulted in construction with a record of successful in service performance.
- D. Welding Qualifications: Qualify procedures and personnel in accordance with AWS D1.4, "Structural Welding Code - Reinforcing Steel."
- E. Preinstallation Conference: Conduct conference at Project site.

1. Before submitting design mixtures, review concrete design mixture and examine procedures for ensuring quality of concrete materials. Require representatives of each entity directly concerned with cast-in-place concrete to attend, including the following:
 - a. Contractor's superintendent.
 - b. Independent testing agency responsible for concrete design mixtures.
 - c. Ready-mix concrete manufacturer.
 - d. Concrete subcontractor.

1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Steel Reinforcement: Deliver, store, and handle steel reinforcement to prevent bending and damage. Avoid damaging coatings, if any, on steel reinforcement.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 STEEL REINFORCEMENT

- A. Recycled Content of Steel Products: Postconsumer recycled content plus one-half of preconsumer recycled content not less than 25 percent.
- B. Reinforcing Bars: ASTM A 615, Grade 60 or Grade 75 as indicated on Drawings, deformed.
- C. Low-Alloy-Steel Reinforcing Bars for bars to be welded: ASTM A 706, Grade 60 for #6 and smaller bars, Grade 75 for #7 and larger bars, deformed.
- D. Add the following paragraph below for stainless-steel reinforcement. Retain one of two options for reinforcement type.
- E. Stainless-Steel Reinforcing Bars: ASTM A 955, Grade 60, [Type 304] [Type 316L], deformed.
- F. Steel Bar Mats: ASTM A 184, fabricated from ASTM A 615, Grade 60 or ASTM A 706, deformed bars, assembled with clips.
- G. Plain-Steel Wire: ASTM A 82, as drawn.
- H. Deformed-Steel Wire: ASTM A 496.
- I. Plain-Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement: ASTM A 185, plain, fabricated from as-drawn steel wire into flat sheets.
- J. Deformed-Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement: ASTM A 497, flat sheet.

2.2 REINFORCEMENT ACCESSORIES

- A. Joint Dowel Bars: ASTM A 615, Grade 60, plain-steel bars, cut true to length with ends square and free of burrs.
- B. Bar Supports: Bolsters, chairs, spacers, and other devices for spacing, supporting, and fastening reinforcing bars and welded wire reinforcement in place. Manufacture bar supports from steel

wire, plastic, or precast concrete according to CRSI's "Manual of Standard Practice," of greater compressive strength than concrete and as follows:

1. For concrete surfaces exposed to view where legs of wire bar support contact forms, use CRSI Class 1 plastic-protected steel wire or CRSI Class 2 stainless-steel bar supports.
2. Use wire bar type supports complying with CRSI recommendations, unless otherwise indicated. Do not use wood, brick, or other unacceptable materials.

2.3 FABRICATING REINFORCEMENT

- A. Fabricate steel reinforcement according to CRSI's "Manual of Standard Practice." Combined tolerances for formwork, reinforcing fabrication, and reinforcing placement shall not permit a reduction in specified concrete cover of reinforcing steel. In case of fabricating errors, do not re-bend or straighten reinforcement in a manner that will injure or weaken material. Bars used for concrete reinforcement shall meet following requirements for fabricating tolerances:
 1. Sheared length: Plus or minus 1 inch.
 2. Overall dimensions of stirrups, ties, and spirals: Plus or minus ½ inch.
 3. Other bends: Plus or minus 1 inch.
- B. For bars with end bearing splice couplers, bar ends shall terminate in flat surfaces, within 1.5 degrees of a right angle to axis of bars and shall be fitted within 3 degrees of full bearing after assembly.

2.4 DOWEL BAR ANCHORS/SPLICERS

- A. Provide dowel bar anchors and threaded dowels designed to develop, both in tension and compression, 125% of the minimum ASTM specified yield strength of the dowel bars, as evidenced by published I.C.B.O. test reports. Unless otherwise indicated, anchors shall be furnished with ACI standard 90 degree hooks. Dowels shall be furnished by anchor supplier. The following dowel splicing systems are acceptable.
 1. Richmond Screw Anchor "Dowel Bar Splicer"
 2. Erico "Lenton Form Saver"
 3. Dayton Barsplice "Grip-Twist"

2.5 MECHANICAL SPLICES

- A. A. Provide mechanical splices designed to develop, both in tension and compression, 125% of minimum ASTM yield strength of the smaller bar being coupled, as evidenced by published I.C.B.O test reports. The following bar splicing systems are acceptable.
 1. Erico "Cadweld C-Series"
 2. Erico "Lenton"
 3. Dayton Barsplice "Bar Grip"
 4. Dayton Barsplice "Grip Twist"

2.6 METAL ANCHORAGE AND EMBEDDED METAL ASSEMBLIES

- A. Steel Shapes and Plates: Conform to ASTM A36, "Specification for Structural Steel".
- B. Headed Stud Anchors: Headed studs welded by full fusion process, as furnished by TRW Nelson Stud Welding Division.

- C. Welding Electrodes: AWS 5.5, Series E70.
- D. Welded Deformed Bar Anchors: Welded by full fusion process, as furnished by TRW Nelson Stud Welding Division.
- E. All metal assemblies exposed to earth, weather, or moisture, including exposure to a crawl space environment, shall be hot dip galvanized.

2.7 FABRICATION OF METAL ACCESSORIES AND EMBEDDED METAL ASSEMBLIES

- A. Fabricate and assemble structural steel items in the shop. Shearing, flame cutting, and chipping shall be done carefully and accurately. Holes shall be cut, drilled, or punched at right angles to the surface of metal and shall not be made or enlarged by burning. Holes shall be clean-cut without torn or ragged edges. Welded construction shall conform to AISC "Specification for the Design, Fabrication, and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings," and AWS D1.1. Welding shall be done by AWS certified welders.
- B. Welding of deformed bar anchors and headed stud anchors shall be done by full fusion process equal to that of TRW Nelson Stud Welding Division of KSM Welding Services Division, Omark, Ind. A minimum of two headed studs shall be tested at start of each production period for proper quality control. Studs shall be capable of being bent 45 degrees without weld failure.
- C. Welding of reinforcement shall be done in strict accordance with AWS requirements, using recommended preheat temperature and electrode for type of reinforcement being welded. Bars larger than No. 9 shall not be welded. Welding shall be performed subject to the observance and testing laboratory. Under no circumstances is ordinary reinforcing (ASTM A615) to be welded.
- D. Coatings, where required, shall be applied after fabrication and prior to casting concrete.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EMBEDDED ITEMS

- A. Place and secure anchorage devices and other embedded items required for adjoining work that is attached to or supported by cast-in-place concrete. Use setting drawings, templates, diagrams, instructions, and directions furnished with items to be embedded.
 - 1. Install anchor rods, accurately located, to elevations required and complying with tolerances in Section 7.5 of AISC's "Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges."
 - 2. Install reglets to receive waterproofing and to receive through-wall flashings in outer face of concrete frame at exterior walls, where flashing is shown at lintels, shelf angles, and other conditions.
 - 3. Install dovetail anchor slots in concrete structures as indicated.

3.2 STEEL REINFORCEMENT

- A. General: Comply with CRSI's "Manual of Standard Practice" for placing reinforcement.
 - 1. Do not cut or puncture vapor retarder. Repair damage and reseal vapor retarder before placing concrete.

- B. Clean reinforcement of loose rust and mill scale, earth, ice, and other foreign materials that would reduce bond to concrete.
- C. Accurately position, support, and secure reinforcement against displacement. Locate and support reinforcement with bar supports to maintain minimum concrete cover. Do not tack weld crossing reinforcing bars.
 - 1. Weld reinforcing bars according to AWS D1.4, where indicated.
- D. Set wire ties with ends directed into concrete, not toward exposed concrete surfaces.
- E. Install welded wire reinforcement in longest practicable lengths on bar supports spaced to minimize sagging. Lap edges and ends of adjoining sheets at least one mesh spacing. Offset laps of adjoining sheet widths to prevent continuous laps in either direction. Lace overlaps with wire.
- F. Provide minimum concrete covering for reinforcement as shown in the Structural General Notes.
- G. Place bars to following tolerances:
 - 1. Clear distance to formed surfaces: Plus or minus 1/4 inch.
 - 2. Minimum spacing between bars: Minus 1/4 inch.
 - 3. Top bars in slabs and beams:
 - a. Members 8 inches deep or less: Plus or minus 1/4 inch.
 - b. Members between 8 and 24 inches deep: Plus or minus 1/2 inch.
 - c. Members more than 24 inches deep: Plus or minus 1 inch.
 - 4. Crosswise of members: Spaced evenly within 2 inches.
 - 5. Length of members: Plus or minus 2 inches.
- H. Bars may be moved as necessary to avoid interference with other reinforcing steel, conduits, or embedded items. If moved more than one bar diameter, or enough to exceed above tolerances, resulting arrangement of bars subject to approval.
- I. Support reinforcement and fasten together to prevent displacement by construction loads or placing concrete beyond tolerances indicated.
- J. Unless permitted by Engineer, do not bend reinforcement after embedding in hardened concrete.

3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Testing and Inspecting: See Section 01 45 23.
- B. Inspections:
 - 1. Steel reinforcement placement.
 - 2. Steel reinforcement welding.

END OF SECTION 03 20 00