SECTION 03 21 00

REINFORCING STEEL

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

A. This WORK shall consist of furnishing and placing reinforcing steel in accordance with these SPECIFICATIONS and in conformity with the DRAWINGS.

1.02 RELATED SECTIONS

A. The following is a list of SPECIFICATIONS which may be related to this section:

1. Section 03 31 00, Structural Concrete.

1.03 REFERENCES

A. The following is a list of standards which may be referenced in this section:

1. American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO):

a. M31M/M31, Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.

b. AASHTO Standard Specifications for Welding of Structural Steel Highway Bridges.

2. American Concrete Institute (ACI):

a. ACI Detailing Manual.

b. 117, Specifications for Tolerance for Concrete Construction and Materials.

c. 318, Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete.

3. American Welding Society (AWS):

a. D1.1/D1.1M, Structural Welding Code - Steel.

b. D1.4/D1.4M, Structural Welding Code - Reinforcing Steel.

c. D2.0, Welded Highway and Railway Bridges.

4. ASTM International (ASTM):

a. A82/A82M, Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement.

b. A497/A497M, Standard Specification for Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Deformed, for Concrete.

c. A615, Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.

d. A996/A996M, Standard Specification for Rail-Steel and Axle-Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.

e. A706/A706M, Standard Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.

f. A767/A767M, Standard Specification for Zinc-coated (Galvanized) Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.

g. A775/A775M, Standard Specification for Epoxy-coated Steel Reinforcing.

5. Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI):

a. Manual of Standard Practice.

b. Placing Reinforcing Bars.

1.04 SUBMITTALS

A. Two copies of a list of all reinforcing steel and bending diagrams shall be furnished to the ENGINEER at the site of the work at least one week before the placing of reinforcing steel is begun. Such lists will not be reviewed for accuracy. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the accuracy of the lists and for furnishing and placing all reinforcing steel in accordance with the details shown on the plans.

1.05 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND PROTECTION

A. Reinforcing steel shall be stored off of the ground and protected from oil or other materials detrimental to the steel or bonding capability of the reinforcing bar. Epoxy-coated reinforcing bars shall be stored on protective cribbing.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 REINFORCING STEEL

A. Deformed Bars: All bar steel reinforcement shall be of the deformed type, ASTM A615, AASHTO M31M/M31, and Grade (40 or 60) as specified on the DRAWINGS.

B. Spirals:

1. Spirals, hot-rolled plain or deformed bars per ASTM A615, Grade 60 or cold drawn wire per ASTM A82/A82M as specified on the DRAWINGS.

2. Spirals for columns shall have two (2) “spacers” with a section modulus >0.030in^3 in order to maintain the proper pitch and spacing.

C. Epoxy-Coated Reinforcing Bars: Epoxy-coated reinforcing bars shall conform to ASTM A775/A775M. When required, damaged epoxy coating shall be repaired with

patching material conforming to ASTM A775/A775M in accordance with the material manufacturer's recommendations.

D. Zinc-coated (Galvanized Reinforcing Bars): Zinc-coated reinforcing bars shall conform to ASTM A767/A767M. When required, damaged zinc coating shall be repaired with a zinc-rich formulation conforming to ASTM A767/A767M.

E. Welded Wire Fabric: All welded wire fabric reinforcement shall conform to ASTM A497/A497M.

F. Identification:

1. Bundles of reinforcing bars and wire spirals shall be tagged, with a metal tag, showing specification, grade, size, quantity, and suitable identification to permit checking, sorting, and placing. When bar marks are used to identify reinforcing bars on the DRAWINGS, the bar mark shall be shown on the tag. Tags shall be removed prior to concrete placement.

2. Bundles of flat sheets and rolls of welded wire fabric shall be tagged similar to reinforcing bars.

2.02 TIE WIRE

A. 16 gauge wire ties, manufactured by American Wire Tie, Inc., or equal. When epoxy-coated reinforcing steel is shown on the DRAWINGS, PVC coated wire ties shall be used. The minimum PVC coating shall be 0.7 mils.

2.03 BAR SUPPORTS

A. General: Bar supports and spacing shall be in accordance with the CRSI Manual of Standard Practice, Chapter 3, a maximum of four (4) feet, or as required by the DRAWINGS.

B. Floor Slabs: Uncoated steel or non-metallic composite chairs shall be used unless otherwise shown on the DRAWINGS. If required by ENGINEER, the chair shall be stapled on a bearing pad to prevent chair displacement. The bearing pad shall be made of exterior grade plywood and be approximately five (5) inches square.

C. Columns: Plastic "space wheels" manufactured by Aztec (Model DO 12/40), or equal, are required.

D. Epoxy-Coated and Zinc-Coated Bar Supports: Epoxy-coated reinforcing bars supported from formwork shall rest on coated wire bar supports made of dielectric or other acceptable materials. Wire supports shall be fully coated with dielectric material, compatible with concrete. Reinforcing bars used as support bars shall be epoxy-coated. In walls reinforced with epoxy-coated bars, spreader bars shall be epoxy-coated. Proprietary combination bar clips and spreaders used in walls with epoxy-coated reinforcing shall be made of corrosion-resistant material or coated with dielectric material.

2.04 FABRICATION

A. Fabrication tolerances for straight and bent bars shall be in accordance with the requirements of Subsection 4.3, Tolerance, of ACI 315 and the CRSI Manual of Standard Practice.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 GENERAL

A. Rust, seams, surface irregularities, or mill scale shall not be cause for rejection provided that the weight and height of deformations of a hand-wire-brushed test specimen are not less than the applicable ASTM Specification.

3.02 BAR LIST

A. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the accuracy of the lists and for furnishing and placing all reinforcing steel in accordance with the details shown on the DRAWINGS.

B. Bar lists and bending diagrams for structures, which are included on the DRAWINGS, do not have to be furnished by CONTRACTOR. When bar lists and bending diagrams are included on the DRAWINGS, they are intended for estimating approximate quantities. CONTRACTOR shall verify the quantity, size, and shape of the bar reinforcement against those shown on the DRAWINGS and make any necessary corrections before ordering.

3.03 BENDING

A. All reinforcing bars shall be bent cold. Bars partially embedded in concrete shall not be field bent, except as shown on the DRAWINGS or permitted. Bars shall not be bent or straightened in a manner that may injure the material.

3.04 SPIRALS

A. One and one-half (1-1/2) finishing bends are required at the top and bottom of the spiral. Spacers shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 5, Section 9 of the CRSI Manual of Standard Practice. Welding as an aid to fabrication and/or installation is not permitted.

3.05 PLACING AND FASTENING

A. When placed in the WORK, the reinforcing bars shall be free from dirt, loose mill scale, paint, oil, loose rust, or other foreign substance.

B. The placing, fastening, splicing, and supporting of reinforcing steel and wire mesh or bar mat reinforcement shall be in accordance with the DRAWINGS and the latest edition of “CRSI Placing Reinforcing Bars.” In case of discrepancy between the DRAWINGS and the CRSI publication stated above, the DRAWINGS shall govern. Reinforcement shall be placed within the tolerances provided in ACI 117.

C. Steel reinforcement shall be accurately placed in the positions shown on the DRAWINGS and firmly held during the placing and setting of concrete by means of

spacer strips, stays, metal chairs or other approved devices or supports. Precast concrete bricks or other types of bricks are not permitted for support of reinforcement in footings, slabs, or any other part of the work. Chair and bolster supports for slabs and walls shall be spaced at a maximum of four- (4-) foot centers unless otherwise shown on the DRAWINGS. Staples used to attach bar supports to wall and roof forms shall have the staple "tails" clipped after form removal. For columns, three (3) wheels, spaced one hundred twenty degrees (120°) apart, shall be placed every four (4) feet of column height. CONTRACTOR may increase the column spiral pitch if a conflict occurs with the wheel. Pre-tied column reinforcing steel lowered into column forms shall be lowered vertically to prevent damage to the space wheels.

D. Bars shall be securely tied at fifty percent (50%) of all intersections except where spacing is less than one (1) foot in each direction, when alternate intersections shall be tied unless otherwise called out on the DRAWINGS or in applicable SPECIFICATIONS. Tying of steel by spot welding shall not be permitted unless specifically authorized by ENGINEER. The placing and securing of the reinforcement in any unit or section shall be accepted by ENGINEER before any concrete is placed in any such unit or section.

E. Bundle bars shall be tied together at not more than six- (6-) foot centers.

3.06 SPLICING

A. Bar steel reinforcement shall be furnished in the full lengths indicated on the DRAWINGS. Splicing of bars, except where shown on the DRAWINGS, shall not be permitted without the written acceptance of ENGINEER. Splices shall be staggered. In cases where permission is granted to splice bars, other than those shown on the DRAWINGS, the additional material required for the lap shall be furnished by CONTRACTOR at CONTRACTOR's own expense. The minimum distance between staggered splices for reinforcing bars shall be the length required for a lapped splice in the bar. All splices shall be full contact splices.

B. Splices shall not be permitted at points where the section is not sufficient to provide a minimum distance of two (2) inches between the splice and the nearest adjacent bar or the surface of the concrete.

C. Welding of reinforcement shall be done only if detailed on the DRAWINGS or if authorized by ENGINEER in writing. Welding shall be done by a certified welder. The welding shall conform to AWS D1.4/D1.4M with the modifications and additions specified hereinafter. Where AWS D2.0 Specifications for Welded Highway and Railway Bridges is referenced, the reference shall be construed to be for AWS D1.1. Where the term AWS D1.1/D1.1M is used it shall mean the American Welding Society Structural Welding Code, D1.5/D1.5M as modified and amended by the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Welding of Structural Steel Highway Bridges. After completion of welding, coating damage to coated reinforcing steel bars shall be repaired.

D. When required or permitted, a mechanical connection may be used to splice reinforcing steel bars or as substitution for dowel bars. The mechanical connection shall be capable of developing a minimum of one hundred twenty five percent (125%) of the yield strength of the reinforcing bar in both tension and compression. All parts of mechanical connections used on coated bars, including steel splice

sleeves, bolts, and nuts shall be coated with the same material used for repair of coating damage.

3.07 CUTTING

A. When coated reinforcing bars are cut in the field, the ends of the bars shall be coated with the same material used for repair of coating damage.

END OF SECTION