

Meetinghouse Standard Plan Committee

Meetinghouse Facilities Department

MSPC Decisions Affecting North America Operations—No. 5

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Item 1: Rostrum and Millwork

Rostrum casework is no longer an owner-supplied item. The rostrum casework and all other millwork is bid competitively by three VMR millwork suppliers—Anderson Cabinets, Granite Mill, and Thompson—as a contractor supplied and installed item. The VMR millwork suppliers were selected through an AEC/Purchasing team review based on quality, ability to perform in a timely manner, and cost competitiveness. With APM approval one or two qualified alternate bidders may be listed as approved bidders in the specifications, Section 06 4001.

In the April 2013 Release 4 of the Heritage 09T standard plans the F-Sheets which had information on the rostrum as an owner-supplied item were deleted, and that information was moved to the contractor-furnished sheets. In specifications Section 06 4115 Rostrum Casework, notes indicate that this is a contractor supplied item on Independence and Heritage 09T projects. Section 01 6400 Owner-Furnished Products, paragraph 1.1 Summary indicates that rostrum casework is to be included as an owner-supplied item when a chapel is included in the project. This is an obvious discrepancy, and the deletion of the reference in Section 01 6400 will be included in the next update of the Master Specifications.

The Independence Series standard plans have not yet been updated since the rostrum casework was changed to a contractor supplied item. Details still appear on the F-Sheets. The Architecture, Engineering and Construction Division has prepared new architectural drawings and details for the rostrum casework, and these will be included in the next update of the Independence Series plans. **Project managers on Independence projects should see that the contract architects obtain these revised drawings to include in their projects by contacting Richard Hope, AEC Architect, at hopera@ldschurch.org or 801-240-5075.**

Item 2: LED Parking Lot and Exterior Building Lighting

LED (light-emitting diode) is a lighting source initially developed years ago, and as technology has advanced high power white light LED is now being used for illumination. With advantages of lower energy consumption and longer lifetime it is slowly replacing incandescent and fluorescent lighting. With the current higher cost of LED fixtures we do not use our meetinghouses enough for LED to be cost effective for interior lighting.

There are two areas where the use of LED lighting can provide savings to the Church. **AEC is now specifying LED light fixtures on parking lot lighting and exterior wall-mounted fixtures.** Updated fixture schedules with LED fixtures will be included in the next update of the Heritage 09T and Independence Series standard plans. The LED fixtures can be used on new construction projects at the discretion of project managers, as appropriate. Contact Willie Oviedo, AEC Electrical Engineer at woviedo@ldschurch.org or 801-240-9687.

LED lighting can also be used for replacement projects, where O&M Replacement Standards are met. Cost savings with LED fixtures are not sufficient to warrant premature replacement of exterior fixtures with LED.

Item 3: Freestanding Monument Signs

Instructions relative to meetinghouse exterior signs have been issued by the Church Identity Office, with the endorsement of the Quorum of the Twelve. The circumstances under which freestanding monument signs may be installed on a project by a project manager, with DTA approval, are found in the AEC Design Guidelines and the Standard Plans Change Boundaries. **The approved design for monument signs is that they are to be single sided and oriented parallel to the street.** Requests have been submitted for double sided signs oriented perpendicular to the street. **The request for double sided monument signs has not been approved. Lighting of freestanding monument signs is not approved, without PFAC exception. When authorized by the DTA to install a freestanding monument sign, the AEC approved design should be used, single sided, oriented parallel to the street.**

Item 4: Requests for Technical Equipment for Ecclesiastical Training

General authorities or area seventies on occasion make requests for non-approved technical equipment and/or for quantities of equipment above the authorized amount, for use in training. The Managing Director of MFD has commented that the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric are not supportive of extensive retrofits to our meetinghouses or the purchase of excessive equipment for infrequent or one-time occasions. Often those making the requests do not comprehend the cost involved. **Recognizing the pressure FMs are under when out of boundary requests are made by a stake president, and that the pressure is even more intense when the request comes from a general authority or area seventy, the recommendation is that RFMs and FMS work with the APFM and DTA to address specific out of boundary requests.**