SECTION 230593

TESTING, ADJUSTING AND BALANCING FOR HVAC

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**NOTE TO SPECIFIER**

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1. GENERAL
   1. SUMMARY
      1. Balancing, airflow and water flow within distribution systems, including submains, branches and terminals, to indicated quantities according to specified tolerances.
      2. Adjusting total HVAC systems to provide indicated quantities.
      3. Measuring electrical performance of HVAC equipment.
      4. Setting quantitative performance of HVAC equipment.
      5. Verifying that automatic control devices are functioning properly.
      6. Measuring sound and vibration.
      7. Reporting results of the activities and procedures.
   2. SUBMITTALS
      1. Certification: Required
      2. Testing and Balancing Reports: Required
   3. QUALITY ASSURANCE
      1. Qualifications:
         1. Company specializing in testing, adjusting, and balancing of the types of systems & equipment specified with minimum 5 years documented experience.
         2. Company or agent certified by AABC or NEBB.
         3. Testing and Balancing Company shall be submitted for approval prior to commencement of work.
      2. Reference Standards:
         1. AABC
         2. AMCA
         3. ASHRAE
         4. CTI
         5. NEBB
         6. SMACNA
   4. INSTRUMENTS
      1. All instruments used by this agency shall be accurately calibrated and maintained in good working order. Calibration records must be with the instruments.
2. PRODUCTS (NOT USED)
3. EXECUTION
   1. EXAMINATION
      1. Verify that systems are complete and operable before commencing work.
      2. Verify that all required balancing dampers, valves and fittings are provided before commencing work.
   2. INSTALLATION TOLERANCES
      1. Air Handling Systems: Adjust to within plus or minus 5 percent of design for fans.
      2. Air Outlets and Inlets: Adjust outlets and inlets in the specific space to within plus or minus 10 percent of design.
      3. Pump Flow: Adjust to 110% of design flow rate.
      4. Hydronic Components: Adjust to within plus 5 percent of design.
      5. All rotating equipment such as fans, compressors and pumps shall be balanced and aligned so that vibration severity measured at bearing caps shall not exceed 0.09 inch/second in rms velocity for frequency range from 1 Hz. To 100 Hz.
   3. GENERAL TESTING AND BALANCING PROCEDURES
      1. Test and balance each system according to the procedures contained in reference standards.
   4. REPORTS
      1. Provide 4 certified copies of all test data.

END OF SECTION

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