SECTION 102

STEEL REINFORCEMENT

102.1 GENERAL

The following specifications set forth the requirements for bar reinforcement, wire reinforcement, and wire mesh reinforcement. The reinforcement shall conform accurately to the dimensions and details indicated on the plans or otherwise prescribed; and before being placed in any concrete work shall be cleaned of all rust, mill scale, mortar, oil, dirt, or coating of any character which would be likely to destroy, reduce, or impair its proper bonding with the concrete. No reinforcing steel will be accepted under this specification until it has been approved by the ENGINEER as conforming with requirements prescribed therefor. When required by the ENGINEER, the CONTRACTOR or vendor shall furnish samples thereof for testing and notify the ENGINEER as to when and where they will be available. Such samples shall be furnished at the expense of the CONTRACTOR or vendor, but the cost of any testing that may be required will be borne by the OWNER. Samples shall only be taken in the presence of the ENGINEER. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish a certificate mill test report for each heat or size of steel when required by the ENGINEER.

102.2 REFERENCES

102.2.1 ASTM

A 82 A 615
A 185 A 616

102.2.2 ACI

318

102.3 BAR REINFORCEMENT

102.3.1 Reinforcing steel bars shall be deformed intermediate grade billet steel conforming with ASTM A 615. Rail steel conforming with ASTM A 616 may be permitted by the ENGINEER. The Grade shall be 40 or 60, unless Grade 60 is specified on the standard detail drawings or on the construction plans.

102.3.2 In testing bar reinforcement, only the theoretical cross-sectional area will be used in all computations.

102.3.3 Bending of steel will conform to requirements of ACI 318. The various grades of steel shall not be used interchangeably in structures. If rail steel is used, shop and field bending shall comply with the following provisions:

102.3.3.1 Continuous and uniform application of force throughout the duration of the bending operation.

102.3.3.2 Unrestricted movement of the bar at points of contact with the apparatus.

102.3.3.3 Close wrapping of the specimen around the pin or mandrel during the bending operations.

102.3.4 Bending or straightening of reinforcing steel shall be accomplished in such a manner and by such means as to insure that no damage to the material will result as a consequence thereof. Bars shall not be heated to perform bending of bars. Kinked bars shall not be used.

102.3.5 Cutting reinforcement steel or wire by means of a cutting torch is prohibited.

102.3.6 Welding of reinforcing steel or wire is prohibited.

102.4 WIRE REINFORCEMENT

Wire reinforcement shall, in all respect, fulfill requirements prescribed in ASTM A 82.

102.5 WIRE MESH REINFORCEMENT

Mesh reinforcements shall conform to ASTM A 185. The gauge of the wire and the dimensions of the mesh will be specified in the Supplementary Specifications or shown on the plans. The wire mesh reinforcement shall be so constructed as to retain its original shape and form during the necessary handling. The effective cross- sectional area

of the metal shall be equal to that specified or indicated on the plans.

102.6 WIRE TIES

Wire for ties shall be black, annealed, not lighter than 16 gauge.

102.7 CHAIRS

Chairs used for support or spacer of reinforcement shall be approved by the ENGINEER.

102.8 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Steel reinforcement will be included in the measurement for reinforced concrete per cubic yard or square yard in place, unless otherwise stipulated in the Bid Proposal. Payment will be made at the unit price per cubic yard or square yard as defined in the bid proposal.