SECTION 15185 – HYDRONIC PUMPS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 WORK INCLUDED

A. This Section governs the materials and installation of closed hydronic systems associated with building heating and cooling. The following systems, where applicable, shall be installed as specified herein.

1. Hot Water Heating System
2. Chilled Water Cooling System
3. Dual Temperature Water System
4. Heat Pump Circulating System
5. Closed Circuit Cooling Tower System
6. Run-Around Heat Recovery System

1.2 EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION

A. Most items in this DIVISION are eligible for substitution in accordance with the General Conditions and Supplements thereto. Where a proprietary specification is written for a particular item, then only that item may be used. All items eligible for substitution require submission of request for substitution 10 days prior to bid date. This submittal shall include specific models and capacities of equipment and not just manufacturer’s literature.

1.3 TESTING & APPROVING AGENCIES

A. Where items of equipment are required to be provided with compliance to U.L., A.G.A., or other testing and approving agencies, the contractor may submit a written certification from any nationally recognized testing agency, adequately equipped and competent to perform such services, that the item of equipment has been tested and conforms to the same method of test as the listed agency would conduct.

1.4 SUBMITTAL DATA

A. See Section 01300 for general submittal requirements.

B. Provide manufacturer's literature for all products specified in this Section, which will be installed under this project.

C. Provide performance curves for all pumps. Plot the specified operating point for each pump on its respective curve.

D. Provide complete literature for all components of packaged systems. These include pump performance, heat exchanger calculations, expansion tank capacity, data for all accessories and valves and complete wiring diagrams specific to the exact unit to be supplied. The wiring diagram shall indicate all required field and factory wiring.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PUMPS

A. Base Mounted Flex Coupled Pumps.

1. Pumps shall be Taco Model FI or approved equal. The pumps shall be single stage end suction rear pull out design. The bearings and seal shall be serviceable without disturbing the piping connections. The capacities and characteristics shall be as called for in the plans/schedules.
2. Pump casing shall be constructed of ASTM A48 class 30 cast iron. The pump casing/volute shall be rated for 250 psi working pressure for all jobs. The pump flanges shall be matched to suit the working pressure of the piping components on the job, with either ANSI Class 125 flanges or ANSI class 250 flanges. The pump casing shall be drilled and tapped for gauge ports on both the suction and discharge connections and for a drain port at the bottom of the casing. The casing shall have an additional tapping on the discharge connection to allow for the installation of a seal flush line. The pump cover shall be drilled and tapped to accommodate a seal flush line which can be connected to the corresponding tapping on the discharge connection, or to an external source to facilitate cooling and flushing of the seal faces.
3. All casings shall be flanged. Threaded casings not allowed unless extra unions and fittings are provided with that pump to allow servicing.
4. Pump volute shall be foot mounted. Overhung cantilevered design not allowable.
5. The pump shall be center line discharge for both positive air venting and allowance for better load distribution.
6. The pump casing inlet shall have an integrally cast anti-rotational vane.
7. The impeller shall be ASTM B584-836/875 bronze and hydraulically balanced. The impeller shall be dynamically balanced to ANSI Grade G6.3 and shall be fitted to the shaft with a key. The impeller shall be cast by the hydraulically efficient lost foam technique to ensure repeatability of high quality.
8. The pump shall incorporate a dry shaft design to prevent the circulating fluid from contacting the shaft. The pump shaft shall be AISI 1045 carbon steel with field replaceable bronze SAE 660 shaft sleeve. In order to improve serviceability and reduce the cost of ownership the shaft sleeve must be slip on (press on not allowable) and must be easily replaced in the field.
9. The pump shall be fitted with a single mechanical seal, with EPT elastomers and Carbon/Ceramic faces, rated up to 250ºF. This seal must be capable of being flushed externally via a tapping in the pump cover adjacent to the seal cavity. Any pump used on an open system shall be furnished with a seal flush line and a Cuno / Kynar / Purocell #900 replaceable cartridge filter or separator with shut-off isolation valve installed in the seal flushing line. The filter shall have the ability to remove particles down to five microns in size. The entire pump line shall use no more than three different sizes of seals.
10. All pumps to be provided with a fully welded, rigid structural steel base. The base shall include closed ends and top openings to allow for grouting. The base shall include an integral drain pan fabricated from steel with a minimum thickness of 0.1875” and shall contain an integral ¾” drain connection.
11. The pump bearing frame shall incorporate maintenance free permanently lubricated and sealed bearings with an L10 life of 60,000 hours. Bearing frame shall be equipped with Forsheda seals to protect bearings from moisture and airborne contaminants. The entire line of pumps shall use no more than four different sizes of bearing frames.
12. The pump shall be flexibly coupled to a NEMA standard T frame motor. The coupler shall be suitable for across the line starting as well as variable speed conditions associated with variable frequency drives. The coupling shall be equal to a Woods Dura-Flex coupler. Any

pump manufacturer providing a mechanically inferior coupler design, especially in variable torque applications, shall extend the warranty of the coupler for an additional two years in addition to their own standard warranty. The coupling and shafts shall be covered by a metal guard. Pump shall be aligned upon receipt at job, during installation, and after system fill by contractor.

13. In order to both simplify and reduce the total cost of ownership, the manufacturer shall standardize on no more than three sizes of mechanical seals and four sizes of bearing frames through out the entire range of the family of pumps. The manufacturer shall not use multiple part numbers for the same part.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PUMPS

A. General

1. All pumps shall be fitted with a discharge multi-purpose balancing valve or other means of providing system balance, isolation, and check feature for reverse flow. The valve shall be straight or angle pattern and shall be field convertible between the two. The valve shall be ductile iron and rated for 250 psi working pressure for all jobs. The valve flanges shall be matched to suit the working pressure of the piping components on the job; with either ANSI class 125 flanges or ANSI class 250 flanges. The valve shall include the following components; non-slam check valve with spring-loaded bronze disc and seat, stainless steel stem, and calibrated adjustment permitting flow regulation. Valve shall be serviceable under full system pressure. The valve shall be a Taco model MPV Plus Two multi-purpose valve or equivalent.
2. All pump suctions to be fitted with a multifunction inlet suction diffuser equal to that as manufactured by Taco, Inc. The suction diffuser body and cover plate shall be ductile iron and be rated for 250 psi for all jobs. The guide flanges shall be matched to suit the working pressure of the piping components on the job; with either ANSI class 125 flanges or ANSI class 250 flanges. The suction guide shall include the following components; full length S.S. straightening vanes, permanent S.S. strainer, disposable 16 mesh bronze start up strainer, blow down ports, and metering ports. For those pumps where an inlet guide fitting is not installed, there should be five pipe diameters of straight undisturbed flow going into the pump suction. The fitting shall be a Taco model SD inlet suction elbow or equivalent.
3. All pumps shall be fitted with one 4 ½" dial pressure gauge piped to the inlet and outlet pump flanges. The gauge is to be isolated from each flange via ¼" ball valve. This gauge is to be used to take the differential across the pump unless otherwise indicated.
4. Contractor shall install pump in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All base mounted pumps to be aligned upon receipt at jobsite, during installation, and after system fill. Contractor shall level and grout each pump according to the manufacturer recommendations to insure proper alignment prior to operation.
5. Pipe connections to pumps shall be made in such a manner so as not to exert any stress on pump housings. If necessary to meet this requirement, provide additional pipe supports and flex connectors.
6. Pumps shall **NOT** be run dry to check rotation.
7. Change start-up strainers to permanent strainer upon acceptance of the job. Provide a blowdown valve on each strainer and terminate with hose thread or extend blowdown line to nearest floor drain.

END OF SECTION 15185