THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS & STANDARDS INTRODUCTION

The design and construction or renovation of a facility for the University of Georgia (UGA) is a complex endeavor. Design Professionals and Contractors that work with UGA for the first time often find it challenging to navigate the system and to understand all of the requirements and nuances related to construction on a UGA campus.

The UGA Design & Construction Supplement General Requirement & Standards (Standards) document has been compiled to provide one location and resource for UGA Standards. The Office of University Architects for Facilities Planning (OUA) and the Facilities Management Division are the two main UGA departments that administer construction related projects. Other departments with critical roles in the execution of projects include Enterprise Information Technology Services, Environmental Safety Division, University Housing, and Real Estate and Space Management. The design, construction, and renovation requirements for all of these departments are included in the Standards. Since the OUA interfaces with all of these departments and is responsible for the major construction and renovation projects, the OUA leads the coordination and maintenance of the Standards.

There are a number of UGA units with facilities located outside of Clarke County that often have needs for performing facility maintenance, renovations, or new construction projects. These include, but are not limited to the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences "B" unit facilities, including 4-H and Extension sites, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources "B" unit facilities, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, the Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant, University of Georgia Marine Institute, the Griffin and Tifton campuses, and Wormsloe. The design, construction, and renovation requirements for all of these units are not yet fully reflected in the Standards and Design Professionals and Contractor shall discuss applicability and submit for variances per Section 00 00 05 Variance Requirements & Form on a project by project basis.

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The first section, Supplemental General Requirements, focuses on procedural requirements and includes information on Building Information Modeling (BIM). The next section discusses and illustrates planning and design principles. This is followed by design and construction information which is organized around specification section numbers. The content in the Standards are not full specifications but contain pertinent information related to both design and construction that shall be included in the Project.

This is not a stand-alone document and procedure manual. All of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (BOR) requirements remain applicable. The purpose of this Standards is to document specific requirements to UGA campuses and this information supplements the BOR requirements.

All Design Professionals and Contractors that contract on behalf of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia with UGA are required to be in conformance with the Standards. As the Standards is updated there will be multiple dated versions of the Standards.



As each project is unique, not every requirement in the Standards is appropriate for every project. For situations when the Design Professional and / or Contractor do not feel adherence to the Standards is appropriate, a request for a variance can be submitted to the Project Manager.

The Standards will continue to develop over time and input is always welcome. Please forward any comments to: designstandards@uga.edu