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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for removal and salvage of historic building materials of historic buildings and structures.

Adhere to [UFC 1-300-02](#) Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable item(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a [Criteria Change Request \(CCR\)](#).

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PART 1 GENERAL

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NOTE: This guide specification will be coordinated with the appropriate sections and the drawings, and the bracketed choices will be selected or omitted and the bracketed blank spaces filled in or omitted as required.

The work may involve a historic property. The designer must coordinate review of the proposed work with the appropriate cultural resources manager (CRM) and cultural resource laws and regulations, as part of the environmental review and permitting process. Consultation with stakeholders, including the state historic preservation office, may be

required, and work involving historic properties will likely be required to confirm to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (usually at the REHABILITATION level). See

<https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/four-treatments/treatment-rehabilitation.l>

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## 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)

29 CFR 1910.1000	Air Contaminants
29 CFR 1926.55	Gases, Vapors, Fumes, Dusts, and Mists
40 CFR 261	Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste

## 1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The work includes removal and salvage of identified historic items and materials, and removal of resulting rubbish and debris. General demolition of non-historic materials and removal of resulting rubbish and debris must comply with the requirements of Section 02 41 00 [DEMOLITION] [AND] [DECONSTRUCTION]. Store salvaged or recycled materials daily in areas and in a manner specified by the Contracting Officer. In the interest of conservation, pursue salvage and recycling to the maximum extent possible. Submit a Work Plan that includes procedures proposed for the accomplishment of the work. The Work Plan procedures must provide for safe conduct of the work, careful removal and disposition of materials specified to be salvaged or recycled, dust control, protection of property which is to remain undisturbed, coordination with other work in progress, and timely disconnection of utility services. Include a detailed

description of the methods and equipment to be used for each operation, and the sequence of operations in the Work Plan.

#### 1.2.1 Dust Control

Control the amount of dust resulting from removal, salvage and demolition operations to prevent the spread of dust to occupied portions of the construction site, to avoid creation of a nuisance in the surrounding area and to minimize occupational exposures. Occupational exposures cannot exceed the requirements in 29 CFR 1910.1000 and 29 CFR 1926.55. Use of water to control dust will not be permitted when it will result in, or create, damage to existing building materials and hazardous or objectionable conditions such as ice, flooding and pollution.

#### 1.2.2 Protection

##### 1.2.2.1 Protection of Existing Historic Property

Survey the site and examine the drawings and specifications to determine the extent of work before beginning any removal, salvage or demolition work. Take necessary precautions to avoid damage to existing historic items that are to remain in place, to be reused, or to remain the property of the Government. Repair or restore items damaged by the Contractor to original condition, or replace, as approved by the Contracting Officer. Coordinate the work of this section with all other work and construct and maintain shoring, bracing and supports, as required. Ensure that structural elements are not overloaded and provide additional supports as may be required as a result of any cutting, removal, or demolition work performed under this contract.

##### 1.2.2.2 Protection From the Weather

Protect the interior of buildings to remain and salvageable materials from the weather at all times. Store salvaged historic materials off the ground and under weathertight covering.

##### 1.2.2.3 Environmental Protection

Comply with the requirements of [Section 02 82 00 ASBESTOS REMEDIATION][Section 02 83 00 LEAD REMEDIATION] [\_\_\_\_\_]. Ensure a thorough inspection has been performed for hazardous materials prior to beginning work.

#### 1.3 SUBMITTALS

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**NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list, and corresponding submittal items in the text, to reflect only the submittals required for the project. The Guide Specification technical editors have classified those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G." Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a "G" to an item, if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.**

For Army projects, fill in the empty brackets following the "G" classification, with a code of up to three characters to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy and Air Force projects.

The "S" classification indicates submittals required as proof of compliance for sustainability Guiding Principles Validation or Third Party Certification and as described in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" or "S" classification. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are for Contractor Quality Control approval. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are for information only. When used, a code following the "G" classification identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government. Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-01 Preconstruction Submittals

Work Plan; G, [\_\_\_\_\_]

1.4 QUALIFICATIONS

Provide qualified workers trained and experienced in whole-building recycling, including removal and salvage of historic materials. Submit documentation of five consecutive years of work of this type with a list of similar projects identifying when, where, and for whom the work was done. Provide a current point-of-contact for identified references.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

Not used.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Unforeseen hazardous materials may exist in wall cavities, beneath floors, in chases, inside various components, as well as other building materials. Exercise extreme care when performing demolition and salvage operations to ensure unexpected hazardous materials area not inadvertently disturbed creating a potential exposure concern. If suspect hazardous materials are observed or encountered, stop work and notify the Contracting Officer immediately.

3.2 SALVAGED ITEMS

Salvage items to the maximum extent possible. Remove historic items to be salvaged from the structure prior to demolition work. Remove salvageable

items by hand labor to the maximum extent possible. Do not damage historic portions of the structure to remain or items identified for salvage. Remove furnishings, equipment, and materials not scheduled for salvage or recycling prior to any salvaging procedures. Keep a complete recording of all salvaged materials including the condition of such materials before, and after, salvage operations.

#### 3.2.1 Site Work

Remove intact and salvage the following site items: [fences and gates] [site furnishings] [fountains] [sculpture] [site ornaments] [site lighting fixtures] [\_\_\_\_\_].

#### 3.2.2 Concrete

Remove intact and salvage the following concrete items: [precast architectural elements] [\_\_\_\_\_].

#### 3.2.3 Masonry

Remove intact and salvage the following masonry items: [brick] [stone] [terra cotta] [cast stone] [clay tile trim elements] [cornerstones] [\_\_\_\_\_].

#### 3.2.4 Metals

Remove intact and salvage the following metal items: [ladders] [stairs and handrails] [cast architectural ornament] [architectural metalwork] [ornamental ironwork] [gratings and metal walkways] [\_\_\_\_\_].

#### 3.2.5 Wood

Remove intact and salvage the following materials: [wood decking] [millwork] [custom paneling] [wood stairs and handrails] [ladders] [architectural woodwork] [custom casework] [wood timbers (125 x 125 mm 5 x 5 inch or larger)] [\_\_\_\_\_].

#### 3.2.6 Thermal and Moisture Protection

Remove intact and salvage the following materials: [slate tiles] [clay tiles] [gutters, leaders, and downspouts] [skylights] [roof accessories] [exterior siding] [\_\_\_\_\_].

#### 3.2.7 Doors and Windows

Remove doors and windows with associated hardware and operating mechanisms intact (including glass) and salvage in accordance with the schedule.

#### 3.2.8 Finishes

[Remove][protect] the following special or historic finishes : [stenciling] [decorative tile] [molded ornament] [decorative ceiling materials] [wood flooring] [textured wall coverings] [murals] [\_\_\_\_\_].

#### 3.2.9 Equipment and Specialty Items

Remove intact and salvage the following equipment and specialty items: [chalkboards and tackboards] [toilet partitions] [louvers and vents] [stoves] [plaques] [lockers] [mirrors] [bath accessories] [partitions]

[contents of cornerstones] [document boxes] [\_\_\_\_\_].

### 3.2.10 Mechanical Equipment

Remove intact and salvage the following mechanical equipment: [bathroom fixtures] [radiators] [registers and grilles] [fans] [\_\_\_\_\_].

### 3.2.11 Electrical Equipment

Remove intact and salvage the following electrical fixtures and equipment: [light fixtures] [switches] [switch plates] [outlet covers] [clocks] [telecommunications equipment] [\_\_\_\_\_].

## 3.3 RECYCLED MATERIALS

Recycle materials to the maximum extent possible. Use hand labor wherever possible to remove recyclable materials. Do not damage historic portions of the structure indicated to remain and items identified for salvage while removing materials for recycling. Recycle the following materials: [dimension lumber] [scrap wood] [paper and cardboard] [gypsum wallboard] [asphalt] [rubble] [glass] [metals] [\_\_\_\_\_].

## 3.4 DISPOSITION OF MATERIALS

The Contractor, upon receipt of notice to proceed, is vested with the title to materials and equipment to be demolished, except Government and using service salvage and historical items. The Government will not be responsible for the condition, loss or damage to such property after notice to proceed.

### 3.4.1 Material Salvaged for the Contractor

Temporarily store salvaged material as approved by the Contracting Officer and remove from Government property before completion of the contract. Sale of salvaged material on the site is prohibited.

### 3.4.2 Items Salvaged for the Government

Remove salvaged items to remain the property of the Government in a manner to prevent damage, packed or crated to protect the items from damage, or as directed by the Contracting Officer. Repair or replace items damaged during removal or storage to match existing items. Properly label and identify containers as to contents. Deliver the following items reserved as property of the Government to the areas designated: [\_\_\_\_\_].

### 3.4.3 Items Salvaged for the Using Service

Prior to commencement of work under this contract, remove the following items reserved as property of the using service: [\_\_\_\_\_].

## 3.5 CLEAN-UP

Upon completion of the work, clean portions of structure to remain and adjacent areas and structures of dust, dirt, and debris caused by salvage and demolition operations. Verify that debris and rubbish created by the work is non-hazardous. If any debris and rubbish is suspect hazardous waste characterize it in accordance with 40 CFR 261. If the debris and rubbish is determined to be hazardous materials notify the Contracting

Officer. Remove and transport non-hazardous debris and rubbish in a manner that prevents spillage on streets or adjacent areas. Transport and dispose of all material in accordance with all local, state and Federal regulations. Provide copies of all disposal manifests to the the Contracting Officer.

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