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# **COMMISSIONING**

### **PURPOSE**

- 1. This document defines the different types of Commissioning that may be used on a project and the roles of each person in the process.
- The Owner shall instruct the design team if Commissioning, and at what level, will be included in the project.

# **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. Commissioning (Cx): The process of ensuring that systems are designed, installed, functionally tested, and capable of being operated and maintained to perform in conformity with the design intent.
- 2. Commissioning Authority or Agent (CxA): The designated person, company, or agent who implements the overall commissioning process.
- 3. Design Intent:
  - A detailed explanation of the ideas, concepts, and criteria that are defined by the owner to be important.
  - b. This typically is an expansion of the information provided in the Owner's program.
- 4. Field Installation Verification (FIV): The process of determining that equipment and systems have been installed properly and in accordance with the construction documents.
- 5. Functional Performance Test (FPT): The process of determining the ability of the equipment and systems to deliver performance, accordance with the final design intent.

### TYPES OF COMMISSIONING

- 1. Fundamental:
  - a. Design Professionals develop design intent.
  - b. Near the end of construction, the CxA develops and completes FIV forms, and FPT forms.
  - c. All major pieces of MEP equipment will be commissioned.
  - d. Twenty-five percent of HVAC terminal equipment will be commissioned.
- 2. Enhanced:
  - a. Starting at the beginning of the project the CxA works with the Design Team and Owner.
  - b. All major pieces of MEP equipment will be commissioned.
  - c. All HVAC terminal equipment will be commissioned.
  - d. CxA cannot be a member of the design firm.

# **END OF SECTION**

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