

# Preface

## Statement of Intent

The Design Guidelines (DG) to provide general guidelines for conducting the work of architects, engineers, and any other contracted design consultant(s) or contractor(s) involved in the planning, design, and construction of any aspect of the grounds and utilities, of renovations to the existing facilities, and of new facilities on the main campus of The University of Alabama. Designers are to become familiar with and responsible for, all divisions of the DG, and are to incorporate the appropriate information into their design process.

The information contained herein is supplemental in nature, and is not intended to conflict with, repeat, or supersede recognized industry standards, manufacturer requirements, and governing agencies; nor is it to limit design creativity or the exploration of changing technologies. The intent is to consolidate those items on which The University of Alabama applies specific practices or standardization that would not be recognized or known by generally accepted practice.

The DG is organized into six sections. In Section I the Designer will find general information about procedures, contracts, codes, etc. Section II contains standards for specific categories of work that may cross several types of work. Sections III and V follow the sixteen divisions of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) in format and numbering. Where possible, we have tried to place the items that have been included in categories under titles that exist with the CSI. Section III gives the Designer guidance in preferences and products. In section IV the Designer will find drawings of items that we have adopted as standard. The only area where we have developed a standard specification is Architectural Precast Concrete and Wall Louvers. These specifications are found in Section V. Section VI contains photographs of acceptable installations as well as unacceptable installations.

The following terms used throughout the DG are defined as follows:

**OWNER:** The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa Campus

**CONTRACTOR:** Private sector party under contract to execute work as specified by Designer in contract documents.

**DESIGNER:** Private sector party under contract to provide contract documents necessary to direct Contractor(s) to satisfy program requirements as stated by the University; typically architects, engineers, landscape architects, etc.

## Organizational Summary

All contracts with The University of Alabama for the design or renovation of any facility, utility, or support infrastructure on the campus are assigned to Construction Administration in the Facilities Division. The Director of Construction Administration assigns an on-staff Project Manager (PM) to handle coordination of all interactions between the University party requesting the work and the private sector Designer or Contractor. No direct contact shall be made with any campus client without prior agreement through the PM.

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