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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

DESKS, RETURNS AND CREDENZAS (STEEL, CONTEMPORARY STYLE)

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description.

1. **SCOPE.** This Commercial Item Description covers contemporary style, office desks, returns and credenzas for general office use.

2. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

2.1 **Design.** The desks, returns, and credenzas shall be contemporary style intended for office use. The returns shall be designed for use with single-pedestal, contemporary style desks for creating clerical workstations. Contemporary style includes square top corners and square tubular steel legs located at the corners of the top surface. Table desks shall have metal aprons on the sides and ends. The bottom edges shall be formed and returned. Table desks shall be KD.

2.2 **Laminate top.** The unit shall have a top with a walnut grain high-pressure laminated plastic face. A backing sheet shall be provided as needed. The simulated walnut grain of the laminated plastic tops shall match GSA Standard Sample No. FSS-L-01002. Alternatively, the manufacturer may provide his equivalent, commercial, walnut grain laminated plastic, subject to contracting officer approval.

2.3 **Grommets.** The returns and desks may have grommets and grommet covers to facilitate wire management for office electronics. Grommet covers shall compliment the worksurface.

2.4 **Legs.** All exterior surfaces of the legs shall be polished finish, stainless steel or polished, chrome

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plated steel. The legs shall be equipped with adjustable leveling glides.

2.5 Pedestal. The overall size of the drawer pedestal shall be of such dimensions as to properly contain the kind, size and location of the drawers specified. There shall be an end filler panel placed between the return and desk legs to create a flush profile.

2.6 Drawers. The drawers shall have stops to prevent accidental removal, but allow removal without the use of tools. Drawers shall be welded or otherwise mechanically constructed with double wall drawer fronts. The storage drawer body shall be constructed to accommodate partitions. Each storage drawer shall have a minimum of two (2) partitions per drawer. The storage and half-height drawers shall be suspended on telescoping ball bearing slides, rollers, or nylon glides. The file drawers shall be on full progressive suspensions or telescoping ball bearing slides. The file drawer shall have a follower block that operates smoothly. Bumpers shall cushion drawer stops in both closed and extended positions. All storage drawer fronts and file drawer fronts shall extend from the leg to the knee-space side of the pedestal, with the knee-space side of the drawer front overlapping the side of the pedestal and positioned in the same plane as the knee-space side of the pedestal. The center drawer for the desks shall be full width and shall contain a convenience tray and a locking mechanism controlling all drawers.

2.7 Doors. Doors shall be sliding or hinged.

2.8 Locks. The locks shall be of the disk or tumbler type. The locks shall not have less than 125 key changes. Duplicate keys shall be furnished for each lock. Individual units (desks and returns) shall be keyed alike

2.9 Drawer and door pulls. The drawer pulls shall be recessed. The finish shall be polished chrome plate on steel or die cast zinc, or polished anodized aluminum.

2.10 Attachment bracket. Each return shall be furnished with a bracket to facilitate intermembering with the respective desk covered by this Commercial Item Description.

2.11 Finish. The finish shall be baked enamel. Colors shall match Federal Standard No. 595, black (27040) and parchment within the range delimited by (26586) and (26405). Alternatively, the manufacturer may provide his commercial, black or parchment, baked enamel finish, subject to contracting officer approval.

2.12 Identification label. The label shall have the contractor's name or trademark, contract number, National Stock Number (if specified), month, and year of manufacture legibly marked in dark ink. The label shall be located on the inside of the knee space near the top and back of the pedestal or panel end on the desks and L - returns. The label for the credenzas shall be affixed to the back of the credenza. The label shall not be removable by hand.

2.13 Workmanship. The workmanship shall be of the quality to produce finished products acceptable in appearance, function and serviceability and prevent potential hazard to personnel or their clothing.

The joining of all the components of the commodities shall result in compact units of sufficient strength to prevent distortion, breakage or loosening of any component during handling, shipping, daily usage and when moved within the office.

2.14 Performance.

2.14.1 ANSI/BIFMA. Each desk, and credenza shall comply with requirements of ANSI/BIFMA Desk Products Standard X5.5-1998. For returns attachments, testing in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 shall be conducted with the L-return attached to the desk using the brackets described herein.

2.14.2 Level test for top. There shall be no gap between a straightedge and the top greater than 3 mm at any point along the diagonal length of the top when tested as follows. The test unit shall be located on a flat surface. Place a steel straightedge on edge, diagonally (corner to corner) across the top. The length of the straightedge shall be greater than the diagonal length of the top. This test shall be performed along both diagonals of the top before and after performing the top loading test specified in ANSI/BIFMA X5.5-1998.

2.14.3 Chromium plating test. Plated samples shall be tested for corrosion in accordance with ASTM Test Method B-117 with the 5 percent neutral salt spray at 35°C. Widely scattered spots of corrosion are permitted, however, none of these spots shall exceed 2 mm along the greatest dimension. Test period shall be not less than 48 hours. After the specified exposure is completed, the specimen shall be visually examined to assure that the plating shows no evidence of peel, chip, uneven color, powder film, pits or stain.

3. REGULATORY REQUIREMENT. The offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials in accordance with Public Law 94-580 to the maximum extent practicable.

4. PRODUCT CONFORMANCE PROVISIONS. The products provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this Commercial Item Description, conform to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards and quality assurance practices, and be the same product offered for sale in the commercial marketplace. The government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

4.1 Standards. The issues of ANSI/BIFMA X5.5, ANSI/ASQC Z1.4 and Fed. Std. 595 in effect on the date of the solicitation shall be used to determine compliance with the stated requirements.

4.2 Responsibility for inspection. Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the contractor is responsible for the performance of all inspection requirements specified herein. Sampling for inspection shall be performed in accordance with ANSI/ASQC Z1.4, unless an equal or better plan is approved by contracting officer or his/her representative. A lot shall consist of units of one type, class, size, style and color. The sample shall be one each. Inspection levels and AQL's shall be as follows:

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For fit, finish and all other workmanship - Level II, AQL 6.5 defects per hundred units.

For packaging, packing and marking - Level S-2, AQL 4.0 percent defective.

Any failure to meet the dimensions, color, identification label or performance requirements shall cause rejection of the lot.

5. PACKAGING.

5.1 Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and marking. The preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and marking shall be as specified in the contract or order.

6. NOTES.

6.1 Ordering data. Purchasers should select the preferred options permitted herein and include the following information in procurement documents:

- (a) Title, number, and date of this Commercial Item Number
- (b) Item name (ie. Credenza or desk)
- (c) Color of the item
- (d) Level of Packaging and packing
- (e) Marking
- (f) Size of item offered
- (g) Pedestal configuration/number and type of pedestals
- (h) Kind size and location of drawers

6.2 Plastic laminate panel. A sample of the decorative plastic laminate sheet is available from the General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, National Furniture Center, Engineering Division, Washington, DC 20406.

6.3 Color panel. A sample of the baked enamel finish referenced in Fed. Std. No. 595 is available from the General Services Administration, Specification Section, Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza S.W., Washington, DC 20407.

6.4 Federal standards. Fed. Std. No. 595 is available from the General Services Administration Business Service Center in Boston, MA; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Kansas City, MO; Fort Worth, TX; Houston, TX; Denver, CO; San Francisco, CA; Los Angeles, CA; and Seattle, WA..

6.5 Other publications. The following documents for a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless a specific issue is identified, the issue in effect on the date of invitation for bids or request for proposal shall apply.

ANSI/BIFMA Standards:

(Application for copies should be addressed to the American National Standards Institute, Inc., 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036).

ASTM Standards:

(Application for copies should be addressed to the American Society for Testing and Building Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959).

ANSI/ASQC Standards:

(Application for copies should be addressed to the American Society for Quality Control, P.O. Box 3005, 611 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-4606).

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