

# **PURPOSE**

1. The University of Minnesota Standards and Procedures for Design (Standards) are available online at <http://www.cppm.umn.edu/standards>
2. The purpose of the Standards is to communicate the basic minimum requirements for the facilities at the university.
3. The University has written the Standards to explain to its design consultants, including architects, engineers, design professionals and design-build contractors (A/E) the procedures, policies, and basic minimum requirements for materials and products included in construction projects. The Standards are included, by reference, in every agreement between the A/E and the University of Minnesota for professional services, including the Design-Build agreement.
4. It is understood that the basic minimum requirements described within these Standards are in addition to the applicable codes and requirements. No attempt has been made to repeat the code requirements throughout the divisions. Where there is no specific recommendation or requirement in the Standards, the A/E shall exercise his or her best professional judgment.
5. The Standards are not a specification master. The text shall not be copied verbatim into the project manual except where indicated.
6. The latest edition of the Standards found online replaces and supersedes all prior documents, including all documents titled Standards and Procedures for Construction.
7. Documents that do not adhere to the Standards will be rejected and returned to the A/E for appropriate revisions.

## **End of Purpose**