



Design Standards District Standards for Products

These District Design Standards contain products and materials that are listed as “No Substitutions Accepted.” In these cases a manufacturer has been identified as sole source vendor. In all other cases, the specified manufacturer may be replaced by an approved product of “equal” performance and quality per Specification Section 01 25 00.

California Public Contracting Code Section 3400(b) states that *“No agency of the state, nor any political subdivision, municipal corporation, or district” may limit “the bidding, directly or indirectly, to any one specific concern.”* This is known as the sole source rule. However, there are exceptions to this requirement that allows sole sourcing: Per CPCC Section 3400(c) *“In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.”* or to *“obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source.”*

To use the exceptions to Section 3400(b), the District must meet the following requirements:

- There must be a board finding (i.e. resolution) that the purpose for designating the item as sole source falls under one of these exceptions.
- The board finding must be described in the invitation for bids or request for proposals.

The following products and materials are included in the District Design Standards as exceptions to the sole source rule per Public Contract Code 3400(c) and are identified as “No Substitutions” since they are needed to match other products used in the District or are available from only one source:

1. **Door Hardware:** Schlage/ Ingersoll Rand products, Specification Section 08 70 00. Per 3400(c) these products fall into the exception: “In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.” Schlage/ Ingersoll Rand products are the standard door hardware products used throughout the District. The many parts needed to be stocked for maintenance and repair make it impractical to use other manufacturer’s products.
2. **EMS Systems:** Alerton/ Honeywell Industries, Specification Section 23 09 00. Per 3400(c) these products fall into the exception: “In order to match other



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- products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.” Alerton is the provider of the energy management system used throughout the District. The complexity of this proprietary system makes it impractical to use another manufacturer’s products.
3. **Telephone System:** Cisco Call Manager, Specification Section 27 20 00. Per 3400(c) these products fall into the exception: “In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.” Cisco is the provider of the District Standard telephone system used throughout the District. The complexity of this proprietary system makes it impractical to use another manufacturer’s products.
 4. **Security Control Pads and Equipment:** Sonitrol, Specification Section 28 20 00. Per 3400(c) these products fall into the exception: “In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.” Sonitrol is the provider of the District Standard security system used throughout the District. The complexity of this proprietary system makes it impractical to use another manufacturer’s products.
 5. **Security Door Contacts:** Sentrol, Specification Section 28 20 00. Per 3400(c) these products fall into the exception: “In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.” Sentrol products are the District Standard for security door contacts used throughout the District. These products are integrated into the proprietary security system.
 6. **Security Card Readers:** HID Global, Specification Section 28 20 00. Per 3400(c) these products fall into the exception: “In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.” HID Global products are the District Standard for security card readers used throughout the District. These products are integrated into the proprietary security system.
 7. **Fire Detection and Alarm:** Siemens AG, Specification Section 28 31 00. Per 3400(c) these products fall into the exception: “In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.” Siemens is the provider of the District Standard fire detection and alarm system used throughout the District. The complexity of this proprietary system makes it impractical to use other manufacturer’s products.

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