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**Japan Edited Specifications (JES)** is a limited set of modified unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) incorporating Acceptable Alternative (AA) Japan technical criteria and standards for us on DoD projects in Japan.

- Created with the objective to respond to Japanese market conditions in order to improve the biddability and awardability of DoD stakeholder projects.
- Continuously updated to incorporate valuable “lessons learned” from successfully executed projects in Japan.
- No sacrifice to safety, performance, or quality.
- Standardization provides predictability for the limited Contractor base in Japan.
- Comments, questions, suggestions and recommended changes for our Japan Edited Specifications (JES) are welcome and strongly encouraged to be submitted for consideration for the next update.

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<b>JES SECTION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF UPDATE</b>
01 11 30.00 25 - DIVING	Added additional language to align more with the Diving Safety requirements of EM 385-1-1 Safety and Occupational Health Requirements. (Proponent CEPOJ-Construction)
01 32 16.00 20 – SMALL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS SCHEDULES	Retired and deleted from the JES due to being superseded in the UFGS. (Proponent CEPOJ-Construction)
01 35 26 - GOVERNMENTAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
01 42 00 – SOURCES FOR REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS	Added “American Ladder Institute (ALI)” source. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)
01 45 00.00 10 – QUALITY CONTROL	Added language for FPQC requirements. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)
01 45 00.15 10 – RESIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CONTRACTOR MODE (RMS CM)	Retired and deleted from the JES. (Proponent CEPOJ-Construction)
01 50 00 – TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES AND CONTROLS	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
02 61 13 – EXCAVATION AND HANDLING OF CONTAMINATED MATERIAL	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
02 65 00 – UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
02 81 00 – TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
03 30 00 – CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.  Updated paragraph 2.5.2.1 Alkali-Aggregate Reaction conditional requirements. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)

<b>JES SECTION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF UPDATE</b>
05 12 00 – STRUCTURAL STEEL	Added clarifying language for choosing Japanese testing or American testing. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)
05 51 33 – METAL LADDERS	Updated the language in “Ladders”, “Phasing out of ladder cages and wells”, and “Ladder safety devices” to align with the default UFGS version. (Proponent CEPOJ-Safety)
07 21 16 – MINERAL FIBER BLANKET INSULATION	Changed insulation related submittals to “G”. Limited JIS A 9521 to only blankets without membrane coverings. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)
07 52 00 – MODIFIED BITUMINOUS MEMBRANE ROOFING	Removed JIS A 9521 and replaced it with ASTM C578 from paragraph 2.14 ROOF INSULATION BELOW MODIFIED BITUMEN MEMBRANE SYSTEM. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)
07 92 00 – JOINT SEALANTS	Added submittals that are default in the UFGS version back into this JES. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)
08 71 00 – DOOR HARDWARE	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
09 90 00 – PAINTS AND COATINGS	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
10 14 00.10 – EXTERIOR SIGNAGE	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
10 14 00.20 – INTERIOR SIGNAGE	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
21 30 00 – FIRE PUMPS	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
23 07 00 – THERMAL INSULATION FOR MECHANICAL SYSTEMS	Added (SD-03 Product Data) submittals that are default in the UFGS version back into this JES. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)
25 05 11 – CYBERSECURITY FOR FACILITY-RELATED CONTROL SYSTEMS	Retired and deleted from the JES due to Engineering determining that Japanese Contractors can follow the default UFGS version of the spec. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)
26 05 48.00 10 – SEISMIC PROTECTION FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	Removed exception that allowed recessed lighting fixtures under 25 kg to be supported from ceiling system. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)

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26 11 16.00 33 – THREE-PHASE, CUBICLE-TYPE PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMER	<p>Added clarifying note regarding “Disconnect Switches”.</p> <p>Added clarifying language regarding “Metering”. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)</p>
26 12 19.10 – THREE-PHASE, LIQUID-FILLED PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS	<p>Removed “Reduced Submittal Requirements” and made minor adjustments to references wording. (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)</p>
26 20 00 – INTERIOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	<p>Clarified language in “REFERENCES” to allow non-Japanese standards as approved by the KO.</p> <p>Added a clause stating that all work must comply with the NFPA.</p> <p>Added a SD-11 Closeout Submittal: Fault Current Analysis &amp; Protective Device Coordination Study as per paragraph 2.19 of the same title.</p> <p>Added paragraph 2.2.8 Type PF and Type FEP stating that these type of conduits are not permitted to be installed.</p> <p>Added allowance in 2.11 for JIS device plates to be used (in lieu of UL listed device plates).</p> <p>Updated language in paragraph 2.12.4 Disconnect Switches.</p> <p>Updated paragraph 2.14.3 Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter Receptacles to increase the threshold for detecting ground-fault currents from 6 milliamperes to 15 milliamperes or less.</p> <p>Added “NEMA 14-50R” standard in paragraph 2.14.6 Range Receptacles.  (Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)</p>

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26 20 00 – INTERIOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (cont.)	<p>Updated paragraph 2.15.3 Circuit Breakers to remove sentence regarding series rated and plug in circuit breakers being unacceptable.</p> <p>Updated paragraph 2.16.2.2 Circuit Breaker With Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter or Type RCBO to include bracket option that allows current imbalance of 15 milliamperes or less.</p> <p>Updated paragraph 2.21 TRANSFORMERS to include clarifying language on the acceptable characteristics on the insulation system.</p> <p>Updated paragraph 3.1.8 Cable Tray Installation to prohibit installation of cable trays above fixed hard/dry-wall ceilings.</p> <p>Added paragraph 3.1.25 Housekeeping Pads.</p> <p>Updated paragraph 3.4 FIELD APPLIED PAINTING to clarify that the conduit is required to be painted in addition to the electrical equipment.</p> <p>(Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)</p>
26 29 23 – ADJUSTABLE SPEED DRIVE (ASD) SYSTEMS UNDER 600 VOLTS	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
26 41 00 – LIGHTNING PROTECTION SYSTEM	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.
26 51 00 – INTERIOR LIGHTING	<p>Updated paragraph 2.2 LUMINAIRES to remove requirement that all luminaires of the same type must be by the same manufacturer.</p> <p>(Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)</p>
27 10 00 – BUILDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLING SYSTEM	<p>Updated paragraph 3.5.1.2 Verification Tests to clarify category for UTP backbone copper cabling.</p> <p>(Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)</p>
31 21 13 – RADON MITIGATION	Administrative – Minor adjustments to references wording.



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32 11 23 – AGGREGATE BASE COURSES	Administrative – Corrected typo to a JIS reference.
33 71 02 – UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION	<p>Added paragraph 2.4.3 Resin Splice.</p> <p>Updated paragraph 3.19.2 Sealing to provide additional requirements regarding sealant water resistance.</p> <p>(Proponent CEPOJ-Engineering)</p>