

**SECTION 123530**  
**CASEWORK**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes the following:
  - 1. Breakroom cabinets.
  - 2. Plastic-laminate countertops and backsplashes.
- B. Related Sections include the following:
  - 1. Division 224000 Section "Plumbing Fixtures" for sinks and plumbing fittings.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Exposed Surfaces of Cabinets: Surfaces visible when doors and drawers are closed, including visible surfaces in open cabinets or behind glass doors.
- B. Semi-exposed Surfaces of Cabinets: Surfaces behind opaque doors or drawer fronts, including interior faces of doors and interiors and sides of drawers. Bottoms of wall cabinets are defined as "semi-exposed."
- C. Concealed Surfaces of Cabinets: Surfaces not usually visible after installation, including sleepers, web frames, dust panels, bottoms of drawers, and ends of cabinets installed directly against and completely concealed by walls or other cabinets. Tops of wall cabinets and utility cabinets are defined as "concealed."

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For the following:
  - 1. Plastic-laminate countertops.
  - 2. Cabinet hardware.
- B. Shop Drawings: For cabinets and countertops. Include plans, elevations, details, and attachments to other work. Show materials, finishes, filler panels, hardware, edge and backsplash profiles, methods of joining countertops, and cutouts for plumbing fixtures.
- C. Samples for Initial Selection: For each type of material exposed to view.

- D. Product Certificates: Signed by manufacturers of casework certifying that products furnished comply with requirements.

## 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Source Limitations for Cabinets: Obtain cabinets through one source from a single manufacturer.
- B. Product Options: Drawings indicate size, configurations, and finish material of cabinets by referencing designated manufacturer's catalog numbers. Other manufacturers' cabinets of similar sizes and door and drawer configurations, same finish material, and complying with the Specifications may be considered. Refer to Division 1 Section "Product Requirements."
- C. Quality Standards: Unless otherwise indicated, comply with the following standards:
  - 1. Cabinets: KCMA A161.1.
    - a. KCMA Certification: Provide cabinets with KCMA's "Certified Cabinet" seal affixed in a semiexposed location of each unit and showing compliance with the above standard.
  - 2. Plastic-Laminate Countertops: KCMA A161.2.

## 1.6 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Environmental Limitations: Do not deliver or install casework until building is enclosed, wet-work is complete, and HVAC system is operating and maintaining temperature and relative humidity at occupancy levels during the remainder of the construction period.
- B. Established Dimensions: Where casework is indicated to fit to other construction, establish dimensions for areas where casework is to fit. Coordinate construction to ensure that actual dimensions correspond to established dimensions. Provide fillers and scribes to allow for trimming and fitting.
- C. Field Measurements: Where casework is indicated to fit to existing construction, verify dimensions of existing construction by field measurements before fabrication and indicate measurements on Shop Drawings. Provide fillers and scribes to allow for trimming and fitting.
- D. Field Measurements for Countertops: Verify dimensions of countertops by field measurements after base cabinets are installed but before countertop fabrication is complete.

## 1.7 COORDINATION

- A. Coordinate layout and installation of blocking and reinforcement in partitions for support of casework.
- B. Coordinate locations of utilities that will penetrate countertops or backsplashes.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 CABINET MATERIALS

- A. General:

1. Adhesives: Do not use adhesives that contain urea formaldehyde.
2. Hardwood Lumber: Kiln dried to 7 percent moisture content.
3. Softwood Lumber: Kiln dried to 10 percent moisture content.
4. Particleboard: ANSI A208.1, Grade M-2, made with binder containing no urea formaldehyde.
5. Medium-Density Fiberboard: ANSI A208.2, Grade MD, made with binder containing no urea formaldehyde.
6. Hardboard: AHA A135.4, Class 1 Tempered.

B. Exposed Materials:

1. Exposed Wood Species: Oak.
  - a. Select materials for compatible color and grain. Do not use two adjacent exposed surfaces that are noticeably dissimilar in color, grain, figure, or natural character markings.
  - b. Staining and Finish: As selected by Government Design Professional from manufacturer's full range.
2. Solid Wood: Clear hardwood lumber of species indicated, free of defects.

C. Semi-exposed Materials: Unless otherwise indicated, provide the following:

1. Vinyl-Faced Particleboard: Medium-density particleboard with embossed, wood-grain-patterned vinyl film adhesively bonded to particleboard.
  - a. Provide vinyl film on both sides of shelves, dividers, drawer bodies, and other components with two semi-exposed surfaces and on semi-exposed edges.
  - b. Colors, Textures, and Patterns: As selected by Government Design Professional from cabinet manufacturer's full range.

D. Concealed Materials: Solid wood or plywood, of any hardwood or softwood species, with no defects affecting strength or utility; particleboard; medium-density fiberboard; or hardboard.

## 2.2 CABINET HARDWARE

- A. General: Manufacturer's standard units complying with BHMA A156.9, of type, size, style, material, and finish as selected by Government Design Professional from manufacturer's full range.
- B. Pulls: Surface-mounted decorative pulls.
- C. Hinges: Concealed self-closing hinges.
- D. Drawer Guides: Epoxy-coated-metal, self-closing drawer guides; designed to prevent rebound when drawers are closed; with nylon-tired, ball-bearing rollers; and complying with BHMA A156.9, Type B05011 or B05091.

## 2.3 COUNTERTOP MATERIALS

- A. Plastic Laminate: High-pressure decorative laminate complying with NEMA LD 3.
  1. Available Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, manufacturers offering products that may be incorporated into the Work include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - a. Formica Corp.

- b. Lamin-Art.
  - c. Wilsonart International.
  - d. "Or Approved Equal"
- 2. Provide through-color plastic laminate.
  - 3. Grade for Backer Sheet: BKL.
  - 4. Colors, Textures, and Patterns: As selected by Government Design Professional from plastic-laminate manufacturer's full range.
- B. Particleboard: ANSI A208.1, Grade M-2.
  - C. Plywood: Exterior softwood plywood complying with DOC PS 1, Grade C-C Plugged, touch sanded.
  - D. Adhesives: Do not use adhesives that contain urea formaldehyde.
  - E. Solid Wood Edges and Trim: Clear red oak lumber, free of defects, selected for compatible grain and color, and kiln dried to 7 percent moisture content.

#### 2.4 CABINETS

- A. Available Products: Subject to compliance with requirements, cabinets that may be incorporated into the Work include, but are not limited to, the following:
- B. Face Style: Reveal overlay; door and drawer faces partially cover cabinet fronts.
- C. Cabinet Style: Face Frame.
- D. Door and Drawer Fronts: Solid-wood stiles and rails, 5/8 inch thick, with 3/4-inch- thick, solid-wood center panels.
- E. Face Frames: 3/4-by-1-5/8-inch solid wood[ with glued mortise and tenon or doweled joints].

#### 2.5 PLASTIC-LAMINATE COUNTERTOPS

- A. Configuration: Provide countertops with the following front, cove (intersection of top with backsplash), backsplash, and end splash style:
  - 1. Front: Bevel or Self-edge.
  - 2. Cove: Cove molding (one-piece post-formed laminate supported at junction of top and backsplash by wood cove molding).
  - 3. Backsplash: Square edge without scribe.
  - 4. End splash: None.
- B. Plastic-Laminate Substrate: Particleboard not less than 3/4 inch thick.
  - 1. For countertops at sinks and lavatories, use Grade M-2-Exterior-Glue particleboard or exterior-grade plywood.
  - 2. Build up countertop thickness to 1-1/2 inches at front, back, and ends with additional layers of particleboard laminated to top.
- C. Backer Sheet: Provide plastic-laminate backer sheet on underside of countertop substrate.
- D. Paper Backing: Provide paper backing on underside of countertop substrate.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install cabinets with no variations in flushness of adjoining surfaces; use concealed shims. Where cabinets abut other finished work, scribe and cut for accurate fit. Provide filler strips, scribe strips, and moldings in finish to match cabinet face.
- B. Install cabinets without distortion so doors and drawers fit openings and are aligned. Complete installation of hardware and accessories as indicated.
- C. Install cabinets and countertop level and plumb to a tolerance of 1/8 inch in 8 feet.
- D. Fasten cabinets to adjacent units and to backing.
  - 1. Fasten wall cabinets through back, near top and bottom, at ends and not less than 24 inches o.c. with No. 10 wafer-head screws sized for 1-inch penetration into wood framing, blocking, or hanging strips.
  - 2. Fasten wall cabinets through back, near top and bottom, at ends and not less than 24 inches o.c., with toggle bolts through metal backing behind gypsum board.
- E. Fasten plastic-laminate countertops by screwing through corner blocks of base units into underside of countertop. Form seams using splines to align adjacent surfaces, and secure with glue and concealed clamping devices designed for this purpose.
  - 1. Provide cutouts for sinks and lavatories, including holes for faucets and accessories.
  - 2. Seal edges of cutouts by saturating with varnish.

### 3.2 ADJUSTING AND CLEANING

- A. Adjust cabinets and hardware so doors and drawers are centered in openings and operate smoothly without warp or bind. Lubricate operating hardware as recommended by manufacturer.
- B. Clean casework on exposed and semi-exposed surfaces. Touch up factory-applied finishes to restore damaged or soiled areas.

**END OF SECTION 123530**