10-3.__ FIBER OPTIC CABLE ASSEMBLIES AND PIGTAILS

General.--Cable assemblies and pigtails shall be products of the same manufacturer. The cable used for cable assemblies and pigtails shall be made of fiber meeting the performance requirements of these special provisions for the F/O cable being connected.

Pigtails.--Pigtails shall be of simplex (one fiber) construction, in 900 μm tight buffer form, surrounded by aramid for strength, with a PVC jacket with manufacturer identification information. Singlemode cable jackets shall be yellow in color. All pigtails shall be at least one meter in length.

Patch cords.—Patch cords may be of simplex or duplex design. Duplex jumpers shall be of duplex round cable construction, and shall not have zipcord (siamese) construction. The patch cord shall be terminated with ST compatible super physical contact singlemode connector at both ends. The fiber strands shall meet the specifications as those of the fiber cable and the connectors shall meet the specifications as specified elsewhere in these special provisions. All patch cords shall be at least 6 ft in length, sufficient to avoid stress and orderly routing.

The outer jacket of duplex patch cords shall be colored yellow. The two inner simplex jackets shall be color coded white and slate, respectively, to provide easy visual identification for polarity.

Connectors.--Connectors shall be of the ceramic ferrule ST "push-pull" type. Indoor ST connector housings shall be either nickel plated zinc or glass reinforced polymer construction. Outdoor connector body housing shall be glass reinforced polymer.

The associated coupler shall be same material as the connector housing.

All F/O connectors shall be 2.5 mm ST connector ferrule type with Zirconia Ceramic material with a physical contact pre-radiused tip.

The ST connector operating temperature range shall be from -40°C to +70°C. Insertion loss shall not exceed 0.4 dB and the return reflection loss shall be at least 40 dB. Connection durability shall be less than 0.2 dB change per 500 mating cycles per EIA-455-21A (FOTP-21). All terminations shall provide a minimum 50 blfs pull out strength. Factory test results shall be documented and submitted to the Engineer prior to installing any of the connectors. Singlemode connectors shall have a yellow color on the body or the boot.

Field terminations shall be limited to splicing of adjoining cable ends or cables to ST pigtails.

ST Couplers.-The ST couplers shall be made of nickel plated zinc or glass reinforced polymer that is consistent with the material forming the associated ST connector body. The design mechanism for mounting the coupler to FDU connector module panel may be flanged or threaded but shall coincide with FDU panel punch-outs.

All coupler sleeves shall be ceramic of the split clamshell or clover leaf design.

The temperature range for the couplers shall be the same as that specified for the ST connectors.