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Testing, Adjusting, and Balancing Firm Certification

ISSUE: Prior to February 2020, the Veterans Affairs only allowed Associated Air Balance Council (AABC) or National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB) as the standard under which the Testing Adjusting and Balancing (TAB) firm's qualifications were approved in accordance with VA Master Construction Specification Section 23 05 93, TESTING, ADJUSTING, AND BALANCING FOR HVAC.

DISCUSSION: The National Energy Management Institute's (NEMI) Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau (TABB) contractor certification program, which is only available to Sheet Metal Contractors National Association (SMACNA) members and chapters, was added to VA specification section 23 05 93, TESTING, ADJUSTING, AND BALANCING FOR HVAC as a third optional standard for certifying TAB firms. The VA specification change was effective February 1, 2020.

REQUIREMENTS: Program offices shall coordinate with contracting officers to ensure specifications are updated on existing contracts and included in solicitations for new requirements. Program officers shall also ensure that Designers include the new criteria in future designs. Refer to VA specification section 23 05 93, TESTING, ADJUSTING, AND BALANCING FOR HVAC (<https://www.cfm.va.gov/til/spec.asp>).

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