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SUBJECT: Lockers and Cages – No longer considered OMAR Collateral Equipment

1. REFERENCE:

- a. Memorandum “Army Reserve MILCON OMAR Funding Requirements”, dated August 2025
2. This memorandum is to provide guidance to Army Reserve Project Delivery Teams (PDT’s) that installed building equipment (IBE) lockers (built-in) and storage cages (built-in) are considered part of the MILCON contract or the MRAR base bid contract. No more need for OMAR funded lockers (built-in) and cages (built-in) at Award for MILCON projects.
3. The PDT’s will need to work with the Designers of Record (DOR) or Request for Proposal (RFP) preparers to rework bid schedules and cost estimates to remove these items from the OMAR collateral equipment needs and make them part of the MILCON or MRAR base bid construction contract.
4. This can go into effect for all MILCON and MRAR construction projects as soon as possible.

The point of contact for questions to this guidance is the USACE Criteria Control Board (CCB) Program Manager for the Army Reserves.

Army Reserve Center of Standardization Manager

Army Reserve MILCON and OMAR Funding Requirements

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ISSUE: Military Construction, Army Reserve (MCAR) funding applies to items that are installed building equipment (IBE) which is affixed to or built into a facility that are an integral part of the facility. Items that can be moved and reused without destroying the usefulness of the facilities and with relative ease are Bona Fide Need equipment or furniture and, as such, will be funded with Operations and Maintenance, Army Reserve (OMAR). All OMAR Bona Fide Need Contractor Furnished Contractor Installed (CFCI) or Government Furnished Government Installed (GFGI) funded items must be identified to ARIMD Project Officers by CELRL-PM as design submittals progress towards award and denote when the obligations are intended to be made.

The applicable part of the Bona Fide Need rule limits the Government to purchasing equipment no more than six months prior to the need (thus “Bona Fide Need”). The Bid Schedule line item for the items listed under the “Bona Fide Need OMAR Items” should be a bid option that will be exercised within six months of Beneficial Occupancy Date (BOD). In considering the time required for long bid acceptance periods, consider award date of option, construction duration, lead time to procure items, and submittal requirements.

The bid documents (specs and drawings) must clearly define what is considered to be:

- OMAR Bona Fide Need and which line item it will be funded under.
- Furniture and physical fitness equipment will be funded about 6 months prior to BOD as Government Furnished / Government Installed (GFGI) items.

In general, OMAR funded items include the items listed below and are broken out in CFCI vs. GFGI.

CFCI “Bona Fide Need” OMAR Funded Items (to be awarded within six months of BOD):

1. Kitchen Equipment
 - Mixer
 - Mixer stand
 - Work Table, mobile
 - Hot food counter, mobile
 - Cold food counter, mobile
 - Slicer
 - Table food preparation
 - Can Opener
 - Refrigerator
 - Freezer
 - Mobile security racks

- Kitchen Shelving (Freestanding)
 - Coffee brewer
 - Worktable with backsplash
 - Ice Dispenser
 - Rubber Floor Mats
2. Arms Vault dehumidifier
 3. Free standing metal shelving included in caged storage areas.
 4. Shelving and palette racks in unheated storage areas.
 5. Break Room refrigerators and microwaves.
 6. Exterior ash/trash.
 7. Fire extinguishers
 8. Window blinds

GFGI OMAR Items (Funded 6 months prior to BOD)

1. All Furniture (panel-based systems furniture, metal desk-based furniture systems, freestanding furniture, seating, filing, indoor trash. etc.).
2. Physical Fitness equipment (GFGI at same time as furniture purchase).