

Approved Manufacturers

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A. Approved Manufacturer List:

1. Many of the divisions of this Handbook have a list of "Approved Manufacturers". This list is maintained by the senior architect or senior engineer responsible for that division. The list establishes quality and indicates equipment the University has evaluated and with which it has a level of confidence. Equipment on the list can be used as a basis of design.
2. "Approved Manufacturers" lists are not exclusionary. Approval from the project manager must be obtained prior to using unlisted equipment as the basis of design.
3. If no "Approved Manufacturers" list is supplied we expect you to provide or specify appropriate manufacturers that meet your criteria.

B. Becoming an Approved Manufacturers:

1. There is a process for a manufacturer to have equipment listed as "approved". For larger, more expensive equipment, or items that are critical to the operation of the facility this process may involve numerous steps. For smaller less consequential items this process may be simplified.
 - a. Presentation to appropriate University staff
 - b. Third party validation of equipment performance
 - c. Reference checks with satisfied customers
 - d. Manufacturing plant visits
 - e. Review of factory representation network
 - f. Trial run of a small scale installation
2. During this process we will be evaluating criteria on the attached matrix to determine acceptance.

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Manufacturer	
Product	
Representation	
Date	

Criteria	Rating					Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Technical support						
First cost						
Life cycle cost						
History with Purdue						
History outside Purdue						
References						
Performance						
Durability						
Maintainability						
Sustainability & environmental impact						
Energy efficiency						
Client impact & user preference						
Ease of installation						
Compatibility with existing systems						
Local tech support						
Consultant evaluations						

1:Unacceptable

2:Poor

3:OK

4:Good

5:Excellent

Comments: