NEBBinar:
ASHRAE 202: What Owners, Contractors and Providers Need to Know

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Commissioning Industry Development

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Commissioning Industry Development

1982 – ASHRAE forms committee

1985 – ASHRAE coins the term “Commissioning”

1989 – Guideline 1 HVAC & R Technical Requirements for the Commissioning Process Published

1990 – NEBB established Building Systems Commissioning (BSC) Committee and publishes NEBB BSC Procedural Standards and starts BSC Certification Program for Commissioning

1996 – First revision of Guideline 1

1999 – BCA started

2000 – ASHRAE and NIBS join together to develop industry standard process for commissioning
Commissioning Industry Development (Continued)

2004 – BCA begins certification process

2005 – Guideline 0 – The Commissioning Process

(ASHRAE/NIBS) published

2007 – Guideline 1 revised, existing building committee formed

2013 – Standard 202 adopted
Selected Commissioning Industry Documents

NEBB:

- Procedural Standards for Whole Building Systems
- Procedural Standards for Retro-Commissioning of Existing Buildings
- Procedural Standards for Building Enclosure Testing
- Design Phase Commissioning Handbook
- Environmental Systems Technology
Selected Commissioning Industry Documents (Continued)

ASHRAE:

- Standard 202
- Guideline 0-2005, The Commissioning Process
- Guideline 1.1-2007 HVAC Commissioning
- Guidelines 0.2 and 1.2, Existing Buildings (under development)
- Guideline 1.3, Training of Building Staff (under development)
- Guideline 1.4, Systems Manual (under development)
- Guideline 1.5, Commissioning Smoke Control Systems (being published)
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ASHRAE: Standards versus Guidelines

**Standards** are typically written in Code Language and are frequently adopted into code. Developed to establish MINIMUM industry requirements. Frequently utilized by the US legal system. Are developed to ANSI requirements and are consensus in nature.

**Guidelines** are written to establish what ASHRAE believes to be the best practices for a subject.
ASHRAE STANDARD 202
ASHRAE Standard 202

- Establishes MINIMUM requirements for commissioning process
- It is a PROCESS document
- It was a Consensus Development
- Does not address technical issues
- It will be adopted into law in different localities
- Does not address project specific issues
  - Project types
  - Qualifications of Cx providers
  - Particular systems
  - Enforcement provisions
ASHRAE Standard 202

- Document arranged by steps not phases
- Has 13 steps
- Each step has identifiable deliverables
- The standard has 17 chapters
- There are a number of annexes

Moving toward Cx being business as usual
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**ACTIVITY**

- Owner Responsibilities
- Project Requirements
- Develop Cx Plan
- Design Approach Requirements
- Plan & Specification Requirements
- CD verification requirements
- Contractor Submittals Review
- Construction Observation & Testing

**DELIVERABLE**

- Contract Requirements
- Owner’s Project Requirements (OPR)
- Cx Plan
- Basis of Design (BoD)
- Construction Documents (CD)
- CD Verification Report
- Submittal Review Report
- Construction Checklists & Report
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**ACTIVITY**
- Issues Resolution
- Assemble Systems Manual
- Training
- Commissioning Report
- Post Occupancy Operation Verification

**DELIVERABLE**
- Issues Log
- Systems Manual
- Training Plan and Report
- Cx Report
- Post Occupancy Report
ASHRAE Standard 202 Annexes

- Annex A: Contracting the Commissioning Process
- Annex B: Commissioning Process Documentation Matrix and Flowcharts
- Annex C: Roles and Responsibilities
- Annex D: Owner’s Project Requirements
- Annex E: Commissioning Plan
- Annex G: Construction Documents and Specifications
ASHRAE Standard 202 Annexes (continued)

- Annex I: Submittal Verification Report
- Annex J: Construction Observation and Testing Checklists and Reports
- Annex K: Issues Log
- Annex M: Training Plans and Records
- Annex N: Commissioning Report
- Annex O: Post Occupancy Report
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Standard 202 - Purpose

The purpose is to identify the minimum acceptable Commissioning Process for Buildings and Systems.

- NEBB Building Systems Commissioning Procedural Standards meets or exceeds these requirements.
- Will be used in the legal community.
Standard 202 - Scope

This standard provides procedures, methods, and documentation requirements for each activity for project delivery from pre-design through occupancy and operation, including:

• Overview of Commissioning Process activities

• Description of each process step’s minimum activities

• Minimum documentation requirements

• Acceptance requirements
4.1 Introduction

The application of this standard can be for the delivery of all or selected systems and assemblies in a project……… The scope shall be defined in the Owner’s Project Requirements and the Cx Plan, and performed based on the extent of commissioning effort defined and procured. The process described in this standard is written for a generic project and must be adapted to each project.
Standard 202 – 4. Utilization

4.3 Acceptance

The process for each activity and deliverable shall include an acceptance step as defined in the OPR and Cx Plan. This step shall formalize the acceptance of the commissioning deliverable by the owner or client. Under this Standard, the CxA is not required to "accept" designers or contractors work on behalf of the owner or jurisdiction.
5.1.1 Introduction

Does NOT address the “Party” of the provider.

5.1.2 Project Team Selection – Commissioning Process Providers

The Owner is responsible to select qualified Cx process professionals.
Standard 202 – 6. OPR

6.2.1 Requirements
During Pre-Design, the Owner, along with the Cx Team, shall facilitate development and documentation of the OPR.

6.2.4
The OPR shall be included in the Contract Documents as an information only attachment or as required by owner’s contract requirements.
Standard 202 – 7. Commissioning Plan

7.1 Introduction
During Pre-Design, the Owner, along with the Cx Team, shall facilitate development and documentation of the OPR.

7.2.1
The CxA shall, with input from the Owner's project team, develop the initial Cx Plan at the initiation of the project.

The Cx Plan shall be updated and expanded during design and construction as the project evolves.

8.2.1
The BOD shall be developed by the design team in accordance with the OPR. The BOD shall be updated and expanded during design and construction as the project evolves.

8.2.2
The design team shall submit the BOD to the Owner and CxA for review at each milestone defined by the OPR and Cx Plan.

10.1
A Cx design document review shall be performed to verify compliance with the OPR.

10.2.1
The CxA shall perform a review of the commissioned systems and assemblies in the design documents to evaluate compliance with the OPR. Design review shall be completed prior to the issuing of construction documents for systems being commissioned. The OPR, and the Cx Plan, or the contract documents shall define any sampling strategies for design review.
10.2.2
The CxA shall provide a design review - commissioning report with comments, questions, and observations to the Owner and design teams for compliance with the Owner’s Project Requirements. This design review-commissioning shall not be considered a design PEER or Code Review.

10.2.3
The design team, owner, and/or other responsible party shall respond to the CxA document review report with necessary answers and document modifications for the project……
12.1
The proper installation, coordination, Commissioning testing, and interaction among commissioned systems and assemblies shall be evaluated.

12.2.1
The systems and assemblies identified in the OPR and Cx Plan shall be confirmed to comply with the OPR and with the contract documents.

12.2.4
The CxA shall conduct a commissioning kick-off and scoping meeting with the Commissioning team to explain Cx procedures and coordinate commissioning activities at the beginning of the construction process and at other times as necessary.

- Does not specify which party performs construction checklists.
- Checklist data must be submitted to the Cx provider for review.
- Does specify that the Cx provider must witness all testing.
13.2.3
A formal Issues and Resolutions Log shall be maintained throughout the project until all issues are resolved or accepted by the Owner.

14.2.2

The Cx Team shall be responsible for updating the Systems Manual during the Cx Process including design construction and operation as required in the OPR, Cx Plan and contract documents.

Does not specify who develops the Systems Manual
Standard 202 – 16. Post Occupancy

16.1

Post occupancy operation commissioning, including delayed and seasonal testing and warranty issues, shall be provided to deliver buildings and construction projects that meet the Owner’s needs, prior to the time of warranty completion.

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Questions???
Not In My Contract!!
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