From: Commander, Navy Installations Command

Subj: AUSTERE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Ref: (a) UFC 2-000-05N Facility Planning for Navy and Marine Corps Shore Installations, including Appendix F - Austere Facilities (Navy)
(b) FC 4-721-10N Unaccompanied Housing, including Appendix E - Austere Unaccompanied Housing
(c) UFC 4-610-01 Administration Facilities, including Appendix C - Austere Administration Facilities
(d) FC 4-722-01N Dining Facilities, including Appendix C - Austere Dining Facilities
(e) FC 4-740-02N Fitness Centers, including Appendix F - Austere Fitness Facilities

Encl: (1) Sample New Requirement Letter

1. Purpose. To issue process for the application of appropriate austere construction standards in locations designated as austere.

2. Background

   a. Austere construction is defined as construction built with the minimal infrastructure, footprint, and finishes required to meet the mission in the proposed operating environment, based upon applicable building codes, Facilities Criteria (FC), Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC), and informed by site context. Austere construction is intended for outside the contiguous United States (OCONUS) facilities that are forward operating areas as determined by CNIC and approved by Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV). Effective austere construction best practices will reduce costs while accomplishing the mission.

   b. Austere facilities should be built with the lowest total ownership costs possible, using products that can be maintained locally whenever possible. Austere facilities should be energy efficient where it is cost effective to do so within the facility’s expected life span.
c. Flexibility is allowed in the application of the standards to ensure the criteria are appropriate for individual austere locations.

d. Austere design and construction standards shall adhere to all fire protection, life, health, sanitation and safety regulations, including Anti-Terrorism Force Protection regulations applicable to Department of Defense and the locale of construction.

e. Austere facilities are intended to be occupied by able-bodied personnel typically on a tour of one year or less, but minimal “barrier-free” accommodations will be programmed for the first floor of austere buildings to meet the intent of the law that protects individuals with disabilities.

f. New Category Code Numbers (CCNs) have been created within reference (a) for austere facilities. The goal is to associate appropriate austere sustainment, restoration modernization (SRM) funding levels with the new CCNs specific to austere facilities.

3. Policy. This instruction applies to facilities in locations designated austere in accordance with CNIC Headquarters (HQ) roles defined below.

4. Responsibilities

a. CNIC HQ is responsible for:

   (1) Determining whether austere construction criteria, in whole or in part, apply for individual projects.

   (2) Ensuring approved projects are identified as Austere on the DD 1391, FY__ Military Construction Project Data, within the title and the Category Code Number (CCN), as applicable.

   (3) Coordinating with Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) to develop austere construction criteria updates for the applicable UFC/FC documents, as necessary.

   (4) Endorsing requests for use of austere criteria to Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) Fleet Readiness & Logistics (N4) for approval.
b. CNIC OCONUS regions are responsible for identifying opportunities to apply austere construction standards to the maximum extent possible.

5. Action

a. CNIC HQ shall:

(1) Determine locations initially designated austere and notify applicable OCONUS regions.

(2) Review annually the austere construction policies in coordination with NAVFAC.

b. CNIC OCONUS regions with designated austere locations shall use enclosure (1) to submit to CNIC HQ any new requirements for a determination as to the potential applicability of austere facilities construction criteria. If the requirements are determined to be eligible for austere facilities construction criteria application, CNIC HQ will provide direction to the region regarding the applicability of austere construction criteria in the planning, design and construction associated with these requirements.

c. Planners should take these criteria into account when developing the DD 1391, FY__ Military Construction Project Data, and the economic analysis.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed in accordance with SECNAV M-5210.1 of January 2012.

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To: Commander, Navy Installations Command (N4)

Subj: New Requirements for Austere Construction

Ref: CNICINST 11000.2

Encl: (1) DD 1391, FY__ Military Construction Project Data

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a). The DD 1391 in enclosure (1) represents new requirements that may be considered for Austere Construction best practices.

2. [Provide a brief description of the project and why it should be considered for austere construction.]

3. Point of contact regarding this project is [insert POC name and contact info].

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