

# **Special Inspections & Testing Agreement**

**Purpose:** Special inspections are observations, tests, and inspections that require special expertise to substantiate the adequacy of a structure's elements, connections, or installation. This Special Inspections & Testing Agreement defines the minimum responsibilities of the parties involved in special inspections as required by Chapter 17 of the International Building Code and includes the Statement of Special Inspections which lists the special inspections applicable to this project.

**Instructions:** The information required in this agreement and the Statement of Special Inspections shall be completed as required, signed by the parties list on Page 4, and submitted during initial permit application.

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name:			
Address:			
Description:			
Group(s):	_Type(s) of Construction:	Height:	Number of Stories:
Permit Number:		Code Edition Year:	Prepared Fill: Yes No
Sprinkler: Yes No	Fire Alarm: [	Yes No	Risk Category: 🔲 I 💮 II 💮 III 💮 IV

### **DEFINITIONS**

**International Building Code (IBC):** The building code for new commercial construction referenced by the Commerce City Building Code which specifies the requirements for special inspections.

**Project owner:** A person, agent, operator, entity, firm, or corporation having any legal or equitable interest in the project or property under construction.

# Registered design professional in responsible charge (RDPRC):

A registered architect or professional engineer licensed in Colorado retained by the project owner to design and prepare construction documents in accordance with the Commerce City Building Code and whose signature and seal appear on the city-approved construction documents.

**Special inspections agency:** An established and recognized agency regularly engaged in conducting tests or furnishing inspection services that employ special inspectors and the special inspections engineer of record.

**Special inspector:** A qualified person approved by the Building Safety Division who conducts special inspections under the direction of the special inspections engineer of record.

Special inspections engineer of record (SIER): A Coloradolicensed professional engineer, approved by the Building Safety Division, responsible for performing special inspections and/or supervising special inspectors.

**Special Inspections Final Certification Report:** A city form completed by the SIER and submitted to the Building Safety Division at the conclusion of the project under construction which affirms special inspections or testing were fulfilled in

conformance with the approved drawings, specifications, change orders, and IBC workmanship provisions.

**Statement of Special Inspections (SSI):** A form, which begins on Page 3 of this document, prepared by the RDPRC which identifies the scope of the special inspections and materials testing applicable to the project under construction.

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Before a building permit can be issued: This agreement and the SSI shall be fully completed with the required acknowledgements and signatures and submitted to the city with the building plans during the permit application process. Failure to adequately complete and sign this document will result in a delay in the issuance of the building permit.

Approval of special inspectors and the SIER: Special inspectors, the SIER, and the special inspections agency shall have no financial interest in projects for which they provide special inspections. Special inspectors and the SIER shall submit their qualifications to and be approved by the Building Safety Division prior to the onset of construction. Special inspectors and the SIER shall carry and be prepared to display their city-approved credentials when performing special inspections on the job site.

# DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPECIAL INSPECTORS AND THE SIER

#### 1 Review Plans

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Special inspectors and the SIER shall review approved plans, shop drawings, and specifications, if applicable, for special inspections requirements.

#### 2 Notify Contractor

Special inspectors shall notify the appropriate representative of the general contractor of their presence and responsibilities on the job site and follow all established safety protocols.

#### 3 Observe Work

Special inspectors, under the supervision of the SIER, shall comply with the special inspections requirements found in the SSI. Special inspectors shall observe the work for conformance with the city-approved (stamped) construction documents, IBC workmanship provisions, and referenced standards. Shop drawings or placement drawings may be used as an aid to the inspection. For continuous inspections, special inspectors shall 2 Provide Access be on site and in the immediate work area at all times while work is in progress. For periodic inspections, special inspectors need only be present to observe the work prior to being covered or concealed.

#### **4 Report Non-Conformance**

Special inspectors shall bring non-conforming items to the immediate attention of the general contractor and SIER and shall note such items in the daily report. If any item is not resolved in a timely manner or is about to be incorporated in the work, the SIER shall immediately notify the Building Safety Division and the RDPRC, and specific notes regarding the nonconformance shall be made in the field inspection reports (see below).

#### **5 Prepare Daily Reports**

Special inspectors shall complete and sign daily special inspection records and reports for each day's inspections in accordance with the IBC. Reports shall be retained on the job site by the general contractor and shall be available for review by Building Safety Division staff, project owner, or the RDPRC upon request.

# **6 Furnish Weekly Reports**

The SIER shall furnish weekly reports of tests and inspections directly to the Building Safety Division, RDPRC, and others as designated. These reports must include the following:

- Description of daily inspection and tests made with applicable locations.
- Listing of all non-conforming items to include:
  - Full description and exact location.
  - Reference to approved plans or specifications.
  - Name and title of those notified and method, date and time of notification.
  - Resolution or corrective action(s) taken.
- Itemized changes authorized by the RDPRC and Building Safety Division.

## 7 Furnish a Final Report

At the conclusion of the project, the SIER shall submit a completed Special Inspections Final Certification Report to the Building Safety Division. Unresolved items or any discrepancies in inspection coverage (e.g., missed inspections,

periodic inspections when continuous inspections were required, etc.) shall be provided under separate cover letter along with the final report.

#### RESPONSIBLITIES OF THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR

#### 1 Notify the Special Inspector

The general contractor shall notify the special inspections agency with adequate notice when work is ready for a special inspection. The general contractor shall coordinate work schedules with the special inspections agency and ensure work does not proceed without the required special inspections.

The general contractor shall provide special inspectors and the SIER access to the approved plans and an area on the job site to complete reports.

#### 3 Retain Records

The general contractor shall retain special inspection reports on the job site and shall provide these records for review by Building Safety Division staff and the RDPRC upon request.

#### RESPONSIBLITIES OF THE PROJECT OWNER

## 1 Fund Special Inspections Services

The project owner, RDPRC, or agent of the project owner shall enter into a contractual agreement with a special inspections agency that specifies and requires expenses for conducting special inspections to be borne by the project owner. Under no circumstances shall any contracts be executed which require or permit the general contractor or sub-contractors to pay any expenses related to special inspections.

#### 2 Guarantee Special Inspections

The project owner, RDPRC, or agent of the project owner shall ensure the scope of work and duties of the special inspector, as outlined in the SSI, are not compromised.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RDPRC

#### 1 Complete the Statement of Special Inspections

The RDPRC shall complete the SSI identifying elements of construction that required special inspections in accordance with the IBC.

### 2 Respond to Field Discrepancies

The RDPRC shall respond to special inspectors' reports of noncomplying items and discrepancies and shall approve remedial measures.

## 3 Review Shop Drawings; Submit Design Changes

The RDPRC shall acknowledge and accept shop drawings that detail structural information. Written approval of any verbally approved deviations from the approved plans shall be submitted to the Building Safety Division and to the SIER. Revised plans shall be submitted for Building Safety Division for review and approval.

# Statement of Special Inspections

**Instructions:** This form shall be completed by the SIER. If there are more than one SIER for differing types of special inspections, each SIER shall submit separate versions of this form listing their responsible activities. Each form shall be signed by the responsible SIER and the RDPRC. In Column A, check the box beside each applicable activity identified in Column B. For each activity selected in Column A, select "C" for continuous inspections and "P" for periodic inspections in Column D if neither are predetermined.

Α	В	С	D
Check all that apply	Activity	IBC Reference, Standard	Inspection Frequency
Steel Co	onstruction	1705.2	_
	Structural steel	1705.2.1, AISC 360	C P
	Cold-formed steel deck	1705.2.2, SDI QA/QC	□ C □ P
	Open-web steel joists and joist girders	1705.2.3, SJI 100, 200	Р
	Cold-formed steel trusses spanning 60 feet or greater	1705.2.4	□ C □ P
	Special seismic requirements	1705.12, 1705.13	□ C □ P
Concrete Construction		Table 1705.3, ACI 318	_
	Inspect rebar and/or prestressing tendons, verify placement	Table 1705.3-#1	Р
	Verify and inspect rebar welds	Table 1705.3-#2, AWS D1.4	Р
	Inspect cast-in-place anchors	Table 1705.3-#3	Р
	Inspect adhesive and/or mechanical anchors in tension	Table 1705.3-#4a	С
	Inspect adhesive and/or mechanical anchors other than those in tension	Table 1705.3-#4b	Р
	Verify design mix	Table 1705.3-#5	Р
	Test concrete: fabricate specimens, test slump, air content, temperature	Table 1705.3-#6, ASTM C3, C172	С
	Inspect concrete and shotcrete placement	Table 1705.3-#7	С
	Verify curing temperature and techniques	Table 1705.3-#8	Р
	Inspect prestressed concrete for prestressing forces, grouting	Table 1705.3-#9	С
	Inspect erection of precast concrete members	Table 1705.3-#10	Р
	Verify concrete strength prior to forms or shores removal, post-tensioning	Table 1705.3-#11	Р
	Inspect formwork	Table 1705.3-#12	Р
Mason	ry Construction	1705.4	_
	Masonry, vertical masonry foundation elements	1705.4, 1705.4.2,TMS 402, 602	ПС∏Р
	Empirically designed masonry in Risk Category IV	1705.4.1, TMS 602-Level 2	□С□Р
Wood	Construction	1705.5	_
	High-load diaphragms	1705.5.1	Р
	Metal-plate-connected wood trusses spanning 60 feet or greater	1705.5.2	Р
	Wind-resisting systems	1705.11.1	Р
	Seismic-resisting systems	1705.12.2	ПС∏Р
Soils		1705.6	_
	Verify adequacy of materials below shallow foundations	Table 1705.6-#1	Р
	Verify excavations are extended to proper depth and material	Table 1705.6-#2	Р
	Perform classification and testing of compacted fill material	Table 1705.6-#3	Р
	Verify proper placement and compaction of fill	Table 1705.6-#4	С
	Verify site preparation prior to placement of compacted fill	Table 1705.6-#5	Р
Driven Deep Foundation		1705.7	_
	Verify compliance of materials, sizes, and length	Table 1705.7-#1	С
	Determine test element's capacities; conduct load tests, as required	Table 1705.7-#2	С
	Inspect driving operations	Table 1705.7-#3	С
	Verify locations and record driving data, hammer information	Table 1705.7-#4	С
	Perform special inspections of steel per Section 1705.2	Table 1705.7-#5	_
	Perform special inspections of concrete per Section 1705.3	Table 1705.7-#6	_
	For specialty elements, perform special inspections per the RDPRC	Table 1705.7-#7	_

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Check all that apply	Activity	IBC Reference, Standard	Inspection Frequency
Cast-In-Place Deep Foundation		1705.8	_
	Inspect drilling operations and record corresponding data	Table 1705.8-#1	С
	Verify locations and confirm foundation elements' dimensions	Table 1705.8-#2	С
	Perform special inspections of concrete per Section 1705.3	Table 1705.8-#3	_
Other (list additional items in empty rows below)			
	Helical pile foundation	1705.9	С
	Fabricated items	1704.2.5, 1705.10	C P
	Seismic resistance of MEP components for Risk Category IV building	1705.12.6	Р
	Sprayed fire-resistance material	1705.14	☐ C ☐ P
	Mastic and intumescent fire-resistance coatings	1705.15	□ C □ P
	Exterior insulation and finish systems	1705.16	☐ C ☐ P
	Fire-resistant penetrations and joints	1705.17	☐ C ☐ P
	Concrete encased electrode-UFER	1705.1.1, NEC 250.52(A)(3)	Р
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stated herein must be met in order to obtain an approved final inspection and certificate of occupancy.

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