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Northeastern University Guidelines for Capital Project Design & Implementation

9.0 MATERIALS AND AESTHETICS

9.1 ARCHITECTURAL DIVERSITY

Northeastern University would like to continue the existing trend of architectural and aesthetic diversity within the urban campus fabric while maintaining a cohesive campus framework. The exterior aesthetics of each new facility and major renovation program will be considered on an individual basis and is expected to reflect Northeastern's values for innovation and design excellence. Each facility is to be a unique extension of the programmed interior space and the selected project site. Refer to the Northeastern University Boston Campus Institutional Master Plan for further guidance on campus development: [NU Boston Master Plan](#)

9.2 NU GLOBAL REGIONAL CAMPUS LOCATIONS

- ▶ For NU Global Regional Graduate Campus locations, the university respects, supports, and encourages the implementation of the architectural requirements of the host community and organization.
- ▶ Consultants shall comply with the host entity's aesthetic vision, sustainable design program, site planning, and engineering system programs whenever possible.

- ▶ Where no design goals exist for host locations, the goals and practices outlines within the NU Guidelines for Capital Project Design and Implementation, as well as the University Guidelines of Sustainable Practices and Operations Guidelines, shall provide the basis for design for all NU capital improvement and construction projects.
- ▶ Interior materials and furnishings shall comply with NU guidelines as much as possible and where the host / space allows.

9.2 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

All materials shall be chosen, designed, and specified to address issues of constructability, appearance, durability, longevity of performance, and ease / efficiency of maintenance. The character of finish options for materials (especially, but not limited to exterior building materials) is to be selected based on its ability to provide a consistent and high-quality finish and selections; quality and characteristics must be coordinated with the university Project Manager.

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