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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

OAKUM (PACKING, JUTE, TWISTED)

The General Services Administration has authorized the use
of this commercial item description

This commercial item description covers dry jute fiber rope used for packing cast iron water pipes when joints are sealed with lead.

Salient characteristics:

- Shall be made of jute, new, reclaimed or mixture of both
- Shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASTM D 681
- Shall be thoroughly carded
- Shall be in rope form consisting of seven to ten strands having a twist from one to two turns per foot
- Rope shall be from 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 inches in diameter
- Shall contain from 2-1/2 to 5-1/2 feet of rope per pound
- Shall contain not more than 8 percent by weight of oil when tested in accordance with Section 15 of ASTM D 681

The issue of ASTM D 681 in effect on the date of the solicitation shall be used to determine compliance with this requirement.

Workmanship. The jute packing shall have no defects which may affect its use or serviceability

Certification. The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this description, and that the product conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and is the same product sold in the commercial marketplace. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract

Regulatory requirements. The manufacturer shall utilize recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable.

Packaging, packing, and marking. Packaging, packing, and marking shall be as specified in the contract or order.

ASTM standards are available from the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Preparing Activity:

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