

U.S. House of Representatives Attachment J.7 - Standards for New Purchases of Computer-related Equipment

Effective October 2018

A set of criteria established by the Committee on House Administration to ensure technical excellence and quality performance and to eliminate premature obsolescence.

These are minimum standards for new purchases

PC STANDARD Please note bold indicates a modification has been made		
CPU	Intel Core I5 7000 series or higher or AMD 7 th gen or higher 4 Cores or more	
RAM	8GB DDR3 or DDR4	
Ports	2 USB v3.0 or higher Ports front side recommended 2 USB v3.0 or higher Ports backside	
Pointing Device	USB pointing device	
Hard Disk Size	256GB SSD or SATA drive. SSD (highly) recommended, not required	
Processor Cache	4MB 6MB L2 Cache	
Keyboard	101 key USB Keyboard or Wireless Encrypted Keyboard and/or Mouse	
Video Display Adapter	Integrated HD Graphic 256 MB RAM	
Video Monitor	1024 x 768 non-interlaced resolution	
Network Interface	Gigabit Ethernet (wired or wireless)	
Protocol Support	TCP/IP compliant as specified in RFC 1122 and RFC 1123	
Operating System	Windows 10 Enterprise 64 bit	

PC LAPTOP STANDARD Please note bold indicates a modification has been made.		
	Please consider using the Blanket Purchase Agreements when ordering equipment.	
CPU	Intel Core I5 7000 series or higher or AMD 7 th gen or higher 4 Cores or more	
Expansion Slots	1 SD memory card reader	
RAM	8GB DDR3 or DDR4	
Ports	2 USB v3.0 Ports	
Pointing Device	Stylus, TouchPad or Touchscreen	
Battery	6 hours operating time or more	
Hard Disk Size	256 GB M.2 SSD or SATA drive. SSD (highly) recommended, not required	
Video Display	11" color display (13" Recommended, external HDMI or SVGA port recommended)	
Video Adaptor	Integrated HD Graphic 256 MB RAM	
Video Monitor	1920x1080 Anti-glare (16:9) or better resolution	
Network Interface	IEEE 802.3ac compliant; Gigabit Ethernet (Bluetooth and 802.11 a/b/g/n, 802.11ac recommended)	
Operating System	PCs must come with a license for Windows. New PCs on the House network must run Windows 10.x Enterprise 64 bit *Beginning October of 2018 Office 365/2016 Pro Plus will be the only supported Microsoft Office Suite due to U.S. House licensing agreements.	

PRIMARY FILE/PRINT/DATABASE SERVER STANDARD Please note bold indicates a modification has been made		
	Member Offices electing to join the House Cloud File Service (HCFS) will not be required to purchase new server hardware.	
	Applications sold by CMS Providers may require hardware with higher capabilities than those outlined herein. Offices are encouraged to consult with their vendor before purchase.	
Operating system	Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard Edition or greater ¹ Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard Edition or greater Windows Server 2016 R2 Standard (Recommended)	
Processor	Intel® Xeon® E5 1600 v3 4 Core 2.3GHz	
Bus Type	2 PCI Express 3.0 x8 or x16	
RAM	8 GB expandable to 32 GB	
Ports	1 Serial with 16550 UART (Optional) 1 Parallel (Optional) 4 USB Ports (6 Recommended if using external hard drive backup systems)	
DVD +/- RW Drive	16X speed (If needed)	
Data Storage Minimum	100 GB (consult with your vendor and TSR to ensure adequate space for operating systems and server based applications in addition the 100 GB minimum free space for data.)	
Hard Disk Speed	10,000 RPM (interface must be compatible with the drive speed)	
Keyboard	101 key enhanced (USB) Optional	
Video Display Adapter	SVGA with 64 MB VRAM and 1024x768x256 color support	
Video Monitor	Optional	
Network Interface	Gigabit Ethernet; IEEE 802.3 compliant	
Protocol Support	TCP/IP compliant as specified in RFC 1122 and RFC 1123	
Backup	Must be able to backup all hard disk space. If drives are added later, the backup solution must be upgraded to accommodate the additional drives.	
Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)	1400 watt (UPS must provide appropriate backup for the system)	
Operating system ¹	Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard Edition End of Life 01/14/2020	

NETWORK CAPABLE PRINTER STANDARD Please note bold indicates a modification has been made		
	Please consider using the Blanket Purchase Agreements when ordering equipment.	
Printing Languages	PCL or Postscript	
Printing Resolution	600x600 dpi	
Networking	Ethernet connectivity option with TCP/IP support	
RAM	If purchasing a postscript printer, the requirement is a minimum of 16 MB of RAM	
Network Services	SNMPv3; SMBv2 or above	
Not Approved Manufactures	Xiaomi; Huawei	

Hard disks and non-volatile dynamic memory devices are not recommended. Recommended Configurations are located on HouseNet>Technology>House Technology Policies

SUPPLEMENTAL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT STANDARDS		
	Please consult with your CAO Technology Support Representative (TSR) to ensure equipment compatibility and appropriateness prior to purchase of any computer related equipment.	
Optical Scanner	2400x2400 dpi resolution	
Networked Scanners, Digital Senders, or Multifunction Devices (New)	Devices with e-mail and LDAP functionality must allow the entry of a host name for the SMTP Relay and/or the LDAP server.	
Printers and copiers	Printers and copiers using Thermal Film Transfer or Dye-Sublimation technologies are not authorized.	
Apple Macintosh	Apple Laptop and Desktop computers must meet or exceed to the current minimum specifications offered directly from Apple for iMacs, Mac Mini, MacPro, MacBooks and MacBook Pros.	
Televisions/TV cards	 Must be able to receive ATSC, Clear QAM and Analog signals (NTSC) TVs and TV tuner adapters must have a 75 ohm antennae 'F' type connector "Smart" or internet connected TVs will work with the House provided TV signals, but the embedded browsers, wireless connectivity and entertainment applications and are not supported and may not function properly. 	
Other Computer Related Equipment	Members' offices are required to receive approval from a CAO Technical Support Representative (TSR) before purchase.	