

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg.,
Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BATTIEST SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Battiest, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; Sec. 7, T 2 S, R 23 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present
use--educational

OWNER: Battiest Board of Education, Box 199, Battiest, OK 74722

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of ten classrooms, the Battiest school is a single story, rectangular (58' x 199') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets; the entryways are recessed. Windows openings with continuous concrete sills and lintels on the front reach to interior ceilings. Grouped in threes, energy efficient metal windows have replaced original wood sash windows. There is a faint allusion to art deco style. On the south front are two rock retaining walls.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because it constituted the genesis of modern education in the isolated area of Battiest, a community not even yet on the state highway system. Still in use, it remains the principal educational facility within the community. Architecturally it is unique to the town because of its type, style, scale, workmanship and materials. And as a rural WPA school building, the structure is remarkable because of its scale and allusion to art deco style. Especially significant is that long unemployed and destitute forest workers and small farmers found work opportunities in the construction of the building, affording them a measure of economic security.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Battiest, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 323020 3807400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the east edge of the Battiest community, the school property begins 418 feet south of the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 7, T 2 S, R 23 E, and runs west 209 feet, south 209 feet, east 209 feet and north 209 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 117-A, 117-B

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BROKEN BOW ATHLETIC FIELD AND STADIUMS

LOCATION: Seventh and Costilow, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

CLASSIFICATION: structures; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present
use--educational/entertainment

OWNER: Broken Bow Board of Education, Box 400, Broken Bow, OK 74728

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The athletic field at Broken Bow is composed of a football gridiron and a red cinder track. On the south edge of the field is a rectangular (110' x 43') stadium, with a poured concrete superstructure and stands that rise sixteen tiers. On the north edge of the field is a stands of eight tiers constructed of poured concrete and untooled and uncoursed native sand stone. Enclosing the entire field is a seven foot high, rectangular (266' x 486') fence built from undressed native sandstone and laid without regard to course. Pillars are placed every twenty feet to give the fence stability. The superstructure of the south, concrete stadium has been enclosed with concrete blocks and a press box placed atop the whole. These alterations have not seriously impeached the architectural integrity of the entire athletic facility.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; architect/builder: unknown

The Broken Bow Athletic Field and Stadiums have significance in that they demonstrate the broad dimensions of the WPA public works program and reflect how that agency defined "useful" construction projects. At a time when spirits were low and self-confidence was lacking, the WPA sponsored a project that upon completion enabled residents of Broken Bow to gather in support of a local team and take pride in their success. Broken Bow has had a winning football team ever since the 1930s. Architecturally the field and stadiums are significant within the community because of type and scale; of WPA projects sponsored by the school district they are the only ones remaining. The high school building, a beautiful structure, burned Halloween night, 1983. It is also important that construction of the stadiums provided job opportunities for persons who had been without work for years, enabling them to support themselves and regain some self-esteem.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Broken Bow, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A--15 339380 3767130; B--15 339290 3767040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 31, and Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Block 30, Broken Bow Heights Addition

PICTURE REFERENCE: 118-A, 118-B, 118-C

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BROKEN BOW CITY HALL

LOCATION: Main and Third Streets, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present
use--city government

OWNER: City of Broken Bow, City Hall, Broken Bow, OK 74728

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A single-story building, the Broken Bow City Hall is irregular shaped with its main portion measuring 44 by 45 feet and an adjacent wing measuring 35 by 19 feet. It is constructed of unrusted and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets, while wooden sash windows are singly placed. The double door entryway, decorated with stepped pilasters and a pediment, as well as horizontal friezes above and below the windows suggest an art deco influence. A concrete block addition on the rear of the building and an adjacent but unattached structure on the side have not impaired the architectural integrity of the city hall.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

Its type, art deco style, materials and character of workmanship make the Broken Bow City Hall unique along "main" street and within the community. Moreover, the WPA did not build all that many city halls in southeastern Oklahoma. The structure is especially significant in that construction of it provided jobs for unemployed lumber jacks and unskilled agricultural workers at the point in the depression when few existed.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Broken Bow, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 339620 3766530

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 8 and 9, Block 48, Broken Bow original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 119-A, 119-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BROKEN BOW COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: North Main Street, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present
use--community activities

OWNER: City of Broken Bow, City Hall, Broken Bow, OK 74728

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A multi-purpose facility, the Broken Bow Community Building is a single story, essentially rectangular (49' x 23', with a 19' x 14' appendage on the rear) structure constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone. The composition shingle covered roof is composed of intersecting gables. The front entry is covered by a gabled porch supported by small shafts. Wood sash windows are placed singly between concrete sills and lintels.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

The community building is significant because it is the only multi-purpose facility in Broken Bow. In addition to type, it is also architecturally important within the town in terms of WPA style and character of workmanship. Construction of the building, moreover, gave employment to workers previously on relief and who possessed little confidence in themselves or their country. Doing "useful" labor improved their attitudes and provided a small measure of economic security.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Broken Bow, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 339650 3766500

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: South 1/2 of lots 10 and 11, Block 39, Broken Bow City
original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 120-A, 120-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

IDABEL ARMORY

LOCATION: Washington and S.E. Avenue F Streets, Idabel, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County
089

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present
use--military

OWNER: State of Oklahoma, Military Department, 3501 Military Circle, N.E., Oklahoma City,
OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Idabel Armory is a single story, essentially rectangular (86' x 124', with two wings 30' x 92') structure constructed of untooled native sandstone with random rubble masonry. On the rear wall of the building, the stones are huge. With a high interior ceiling, the central portion of the building has an arched roof, while sections on either side with lower ceilings have flat roofs. The structure contains four garage doors and metal casement windows. Parapets, pilasters and stepped rock work on the corners provide decorative relief.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA building, the armory is notable primarily for its scale. That quality makes the structure significant within the community of Idabel, but more important is its type, materials of construction and character of workmanship. Equally significant is that the building itself contributed to a state of military preparedness which enabled the Oklahoma National Guard to contribute to the allied victory during World War II. Among other things, it contains an in-door rifle range. Construction of the armory likewise provided jobs for destitute workers at a point in the depression of the 1930s when there were none in the private sector, resulting in some economic security and greater self-esteem.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Idabel, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 331600 3751840

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 7, Whiteman Addition of
Idabel City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 121-A, 121-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

IDABEL CITY GOLF COURSE

LOCATION: Country Club Drive, Idabel, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; Sec. 4, T 8 S, R 24 E

CLASSIFICATION: site; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--entertainment

OWNER: City of Idabel, City Hall, Idabel, OK 74745

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Now leased to the Idabel Country Club, the golf course consists of eighteen holes and is situated on rolling terrain lined with pine and oak trees. Two water impoundment ponds with earth dams are located on the property. The club house, a recent addition to the grounds, is not a part of this nomination.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Idabel golf course is significant because it constitutes a most unique WPA recreational project. The agency undertook construction of only two courses in all of Oklahoma, one of which--at Idabel--was in the southeastern counties. It is notable, therefore, in terms of type of project. The golf course is especially significant in that construction of it provided gainful employment for dozens of destitute men who had been without jobs since early in the depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One hundred sixty acres

Quadrangle: Idabel, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A--15 334780 3751040; B--15 333520 3751060; C--15 333510 3750260; D--15 334320 3750240

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the southeastern corner of Idabel on highway 270 bypass, the golf course occupies land described as the SE 1/4 of Sec. 4, T 8 S, R 24 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 122-A, 122-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OAK HILL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; Sec. 18, T 6 S, R 24 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Lukfata Board of Education, Box 940, Broken Bow, OK 74728

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabell, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A three-room building, the Oak Hill school is a single story, V-shaped structure (43' and 65' on the laterals lengthwise; 29' wide) constructed of wood frame and clapboard siding. The front of the building is now painted red; the rear is white. Beneath a gable that extends from the valley of intersecting hipped roofs, the front entryway on the interior angle is recessed behind an arch. The roof is presently covered with composition shingles. Wooden sash windows extend to the eaves. A lean-to addition has been made to the west side. Happily, it does not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-38; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities and some economic security for laborers in the Oak Hill area long on relief rolls and short on self respect. The building also created a new environment conducive to learning, and environment that continues in operations without significant alterations. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its style, scale and workmanship. As a WPA-conducted project it is remarkable because of the wood materials used in construction and its floor plan, the latter utilized in only one other building in southeastern Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acre

Quadrangle: Steel Junction, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 330540 3768945

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From its intersection with U.S. highway No. 259 at Broken Bow, go west of state highway No. 3 two miles to its junction with a paved, east-west county road; turn west and go three and one-half miles to the school, which is on the south side of the road. It is described as beginning at a point in the NE corner of the NE 1/4, of the NE 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 18, T 6 S, R 24 E, then going south 294 feet, west 246 feet, north 294 feet, and east 246 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 123-A, 123-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SHERWOOD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; Sec. 34, T 2 S, R 24 E

CLASSIFICATION: building, public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--community building

OWNER: Sherwood Community, Star Route, Broken Bow, OK 74728

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

Originally a two-room building, the Sherwood School is a single story, rectangular (54' x 26') structure constructed with a wood frame and clapboard siding. The roof covered with tin is gabled; the central, front entry is recessed and covered by a small porch. Wooden sash windows on the west rear reach to the eaves. The building rests on a piered foundation.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Education pattern book

Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale and workmanship. With reference to other WPA-constructed projects, the structure is different in that it was built with wood materials. The piered foundation is particularly unusual. The school building is particularly significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unemployed lumberjacks and agricultural laborers in the rural and remote Sherwood area where previously state relief was the only means of survival. Moreover, it created a new climate more conducive to learning for students long isolated from educational advancements.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Bethel, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 336035 3800140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Broken Bow go north on U.S. highway No. 259 to Mt. Herman and then go west on an unpaved county road some two miles. Go north on an intersecting county road one mile, then turn back east for one-half mile to the building on the north side of the road. The property is a 209 square foot tract in the SE corner of the SW 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 34, T 2 S, R 24 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 124-A, 124-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TOM SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Tom, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; Sec. 35, T 9 S, R 26 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Tom Board of Education, Rural Route 1, Tom, OK 74762

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

A building of at least eight rooms in addition to the gym, the Tom school is a single story, inverted T-shaped (160' x 53' horizontally, with 72' x 50' vertical extension for the gym) wood frame structure with clapboard siding. Now covered with composition shingles, the roof is gabled, with intersecting gables and valleys for the gym in the rear and the entryway on the front. The latter is supported with pedestals and shafts. End entryways are recessed, and wood sash windows are placed by twos.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

As a rural WPA school building, the Tom school is notable for the wood materials employed and its scale. It is the largest school building encountered constructed of wood. Within the surrounding community the structure is unique architecturally because of its type, scale and workmanship. The building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers, most of whom were black, in a rural area where private enterprise had largely failed. The building also promoted a new enthusiasm for learning, an enthusiasm that continues to this day and primarily for black students.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Tom, Okla
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 354740 3733600

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east on state highway No. 3 from Tom one-quarter of a mile to the school property on the south side of the road. Beginning at a point 1320 feet east and 330 south of the NW corner of Sec. 35, T 9 S, R 26 E, go south 330 feet, east 220 feet, north 330 feet, and west 220 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 125-A, 125-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

VALLIANT SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Wilbor and Lucas Streets, Villiant, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Valliant Board of Education, Box 777, Valliant, OK 74764

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original size

Measuring 160 feet by 76 feet, the Valliant gym and auditorium is a single story structure with high ceilings constructed of undressed and uncoursed native stone of different colors. The masonry is of excellent quality. The roof ranges from flat to arched with parapets. Pilasters, friezes of different colored stone and continuous concrete lintels decorate the exterior walls. Windows are metal casements; panes are painted to reduce light. Three double, recessed doors provide frontal entry. Roof extensions, vertical lines, and porch covers of concrete, suggest an art deco influence.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

Because it provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region beforehand, the gym/auditorium is particularly significant. A substantial stage permitted performance of dramatic productions. Construction of it also provided work opportunities for unemployed timber product laborers in the Valliant area that had been hit hard by the depression. As a WPA gymnasium, the structure is notable for its distinct reference to art deco style--the clearest allusion of any gym in southeastern Oklahoma. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Wright City, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 307200 3764400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The property begins at the NW corner of "High School Tract," and runs east 200 feet, south 100 feet, west 200 feet, and north 100, all in the High School Addition to Valliant original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 126-A, 126-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WATSON SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Watson, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; Sec. 26, T 1 S, R 26 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Watson Board of Education, Box 8, Watson, OK 74963

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Watson school campus contains two WPA structures: a school building and a teacherage. A three classroom building, the Watson school is a single story, rectangular (55'x 40') structure constructed of lightly tooled and barely coursed native sandstone. Covered with composition shingles, the gabled roof is intersected by a frontal gable, the latter asymmetrically placed over an arched entryway with recessed double doors. Wood sash classroom windows with concrete sills reach to the eaves. The building is well maintained. A small rock addition on the south rear hardly impeaches the architectural integrity of the building.

The Watson teacherage is located some 100 feet west of the school building. Measuring 22 feet by 31 feet, it is a single story, wood frame structure with clapboard siding and a gable roof. A small porch with a gable roof covers the front door. Windows are wood sash. Shotgun in style, the teacherage has recently been covered with new siding. The latter, however, does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The Watson school campus is one of the most attractive in southeastern Oklahoma. The WPA buildings are significant because construction of them provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed agricultural laborers situated far distant from any economic activity. It is notable that the buildings still house the educational activities of the community, suggesting the importance of the WPA structures in promoting learning in the Watson area. They are unique architecturally because of type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Watson, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A--15 357050 3811340; B--15 357020 3811340

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the SE edge of the Watson community, the property begins 386 feet west of the NE corner of the SW 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 26, T 1 S,

R 26 E, and runs west 295.2 feet, south 295.2 feet, east 295.2 feet, and north 295.2 feet

PICTURE REFERENCE: 127-A, 127-B, 127-C, 127-D

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WRIGHT CITY SCHOOL

LOCATION: 7th and School Streets, Wright City, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Wright City Board of Education, Box 329, Wright City, OK 74766

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabell, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of sixteen classrooms, the Wright City school is a single story, rectangular (342' x 57') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded. The roof is flat with parapets; entryways are recessed behind archways; and pilasters decorate the exterior. The art deco allusion is faint but real. Reaching to interior ceilings, window openings with concrete sills have been reduced in size by wood inserts and new, energy efficient metal windows installed. These alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

As a rural WPA building, the structure is remarkable for its scale/size and its faint allusion to art deco style. To the community it is unique architecturally because of its style, scale, materials, and workmanship. The school building is especially significant because it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the Wright City area, a forestry processing center deeply depressed, and because it created a new physical environment that promoted learning among students noted for their educational disinterest.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Wright City, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 314020 3770960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: At a point 140 feet south from the NE corner of Tract C, Wright City original plat, go west 150 feet, south 528 feet, east 150 feet and north 528 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 128-A, 128-B, 128-C