



# Spec Support - What's in Store for 2024?

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- 2024 Specifications available in TxDOTCONNECT
- Availability of the 2024 Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges Book
- Specification Style Guide and Specification Templates
- TxDOTCONNECT Specification Request Training – PeopleSoft
- Resources



- Deployment of 2024 items in TxDOTCONNECT was March 1, 2024
- Specification and Bid Code requests for 2024 items may now be submitted in TxDOTCONNECT for processing by the Specification Program
  - Special Specifications, Special Provision, and Bid Codes carried over from 2014
    - The list of items are posted on the TxDOT Specification webpage
      - Very few SS were reissued from 2014 to 2024, please identify the Special Specifications you may need for your projects and submit them as soon as possible.
        - » NOTE: The specification team anticipates a high number of new Special Specifications to be received, therefore, please use the style guide for creating your specs to help streamline the process.
    - Series for bid codes changed to XXXX-7001
      - Bid Code descriptions remain at 39 characters



- Solicitation for the contract for printing the book is in process
  - Book size will be 6x9" with a maroon cover and white text
  - Anticipate the contract to be in place with a vendor April 2024
  - Anticipate printing of the book over the summer
  - Anticipate distribution in September 2024
  - Information on price and how to purchase will be posted on the TxDOT Specification webpage when available.



- In the process of making minor updates to the Style Guide for 2024
- Specification Templates
  - Templates are located on the TxDOT Specification webpage
    - Styles for formatting are imbedded in the templates
    - In process of creating a guidance document for the templates on how to use the “Styles,” that will be posted on the TxDOT Specification webpage



## **TxDOTCONNECT Specifications Request Form (Virtual Instructor-led)**

May 16, 2024, 9:00AM

Enrollment closes May 8, 2024

Code TPD330\_VIR\_98445

## **TxDOTCONNECT Specifications Request Form (Virtual Instructor-led)**

August 20, 2024, 9:00AM

Enrollment closes August 13, 2024

Code TPD330\_VIR\_98446

**This course covers the basics of submitting and managing specifications request forms in TxDOTCONNECT.**

**Upon completion of this course the participant will be able to:**

- 1. Create or copy a specification request for one or more items**
- 2. Assign reference items to a specifications request**
- 3. Upload a file with a specifications request**
- 4. Describe the review and approval workflow for specifications request**
- 5. Check the status of a specifications request you submitted**
- 6. Review and approve a specifications request**



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  - Effective March 1, 2024
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  - Anticipate September 2024
- Specification Style Guide and Specification Templates
  - In the process of updating the Style Guide for 2024 and a guidance document on how to use the “Styles” in the Specification Templates
    - Both will be posted on the TxDOT Specification webpage
- TxDOTCONNECT Specification Request Training – PeopleSoft
  - Trainings are quarterly, two training sessions available in PeopleSoft
    - May 16, 2024
    - August 20, 2024



- TxDOT Specification webpage
  - [Link to TxDOT Specification Webpage](#)
- TxDOTCONNECT Job Aid “Managing Specification Requests”
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# Discussion and Questions