

Spec Support - What's in Store for 2024?

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Discussion Topics

- 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

2024 Specifications available in TxDOTCONNECT

- 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

2024 Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges Book



- Solicitation for the contract for printing the book is in process
 - Book size will by 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.

Specification Style Guide and Templates

- 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 Specification Request Form Quarterly Training - PeopleSoft

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

Recap

- 2024 Specifications available in TxDOTCONNECT
 - Effective March 1, 2024
- Availability of the 2024 Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges Book
 - 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

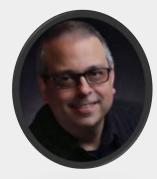


- TxDOT Specification webpage
 - Link to TxDOT Specification Webpage
- TxDOTCONNECT Job Aid "Managing Specification Requests"
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Discussion and Questions