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Subject: 2024 Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is excited to introduce the 2024 Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges, which will be implemented for projects beginning with the September 2024 letting.

What's next?

Users can view an electronic version of the 2024 Spec Book on [TxDOT.gov](https://www.txdot.gov), along with redline versions of each Standard. Presentations from the 2024 Standard Specification Training Seminar are available on the same page, with plans to post additional training resources in the coming months, including videos.

The 2024 Spec Book is now accessible in the Engineer's Estimate in TxDOTCONNECT.

As previously communicated, TxDOTCONNECT will support both the 2014 and 2024 Spec Books items for a specified duration to allow for a smooth transition, with plans to disable the 2014 Spec Book items at a later date. Business rules will be applied once the new 2024 Spec Book is utilized for Projects.

NOTE: Business rules, if a project has been entered in the TxDOTCONNECT for 2014 and the let date is moved to let in Sept 2024 or later, the current estimate will be deleted and an estimate for 2024 must be created, unless an exemption has been approved. (See below)

Important Reminders & Key Dates

The 2024 Spec Book cannot be used on projects letting before September 2024. It must be used for projects letting in September 2024 and beyond, unless otherwise approved. To request an exemption, send an email to Jason Pike, Director of Design Division (jason.pike@txdot.gov).

Because both 2014 and 2024 will be available in TxDOTCONNECT, it is critical to ensure the appropriate Spec Book year is used when building your estimates.

Minimal Special Specifications were reissued from 2014 to 2024. Please identify the Special Specifications you may need for your projects, in addition to districtwide specifications needed and submit them as soon as possible.

The Series for bid codes changed from 6001 to 7001, and descriptions remain at 39 characters. A crosswalk for 2014 and 2024 bid codes will not be provided.

We anticipate Spec Book distribution in September 2024. Information on price and how to purchase the book will be posted on the [TxDOT Specification webpage](#) when available.

Below are key dates and information to be aware of in preparation for the introduction of the 2024 Spec Book.

- March 1, 2024 – Spec Book 2024 is available for use in TxDOTCONNECT. Users can create an engineer's estimate and specification list using the new 2024 Spec Book but cannot Let the projects until September.
- June 1, 2024 – Effective June, users will be able to build their draft proposals in the mainframe using 2024 specs. Users are able to create estimates in TxDOTCONNECT with 2024 specs now. Mainframe is currently being used to build proposals for 2014.
- September 2024 – September Letting using the 2024 Spec Book.

Please see the link below for addition guidance.

<https://www.txdot.gov/business/resources/txdot-specifications/2024-standard-specification.html>

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