

INFORMATION BULLETIN

STANDARD SPECIFICATION BUILDINGS – 2007 EDITION MANDATORY PRICE BREAKDOWN SCHEDULES

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STANDARD SPECIFICATION BUILDINGS – 2007 EDITION

Copies of the 2007 edition of the Standard Specification for Small Building Works have been distributed to all Construction Division offices and the TDMS, after some delays, has now been upgraded to incorporate the 2007 Project Specific Requirements section. You may have noticed that the 2007 edition of the printed reference specification incorporates 2 additional pages, made up of added text in various sections. The Project Specific Requirements section also contains the new simplified clauses on Quality and this replaces the need to incorporate the Project Control section in projects with a value of over \$150k. This Quality clause should be deleted from project specifications if it is not required on that particular project.

MANDATORY LUMP SUM PRICE BREAKDOWN SCHEDULES

The Construction Division General Manager, Paul Jones, has requested that the RFT schedules on all lump sum contracts contain a Price Breakdown Schedule and this is mandatory in all lump sum contracts. The TDMS has now been modified for MWS and NPWC3 contracts to allow the selection of the appropriate Price Breakdown Schedule for either buildings, roads, bridges or a generic schedule for use when appropriate. A selection box will appear when the specification writer selects the Lump Sum radio button instead of the Schedule of Rates button in the TDMS process. This Price Breakdown Schedule will allow a better analysis of tender prices, particularly where there are significant differences in the prices submitted by Tenderers.

Lump sum contracts are rarely used for Roadworks contracts due to the complexity of working out accurate earthworks quantities and advice from the Regional Manager should be sought before preparing a Roadworks lump sum contract. More information on Roadworks lump sum contracts can be obtained from the information sheet in the Roadworks Lump Sum Schedules folder on the TDMS Z drive. This information sheet is also available when selecting the Roadworks schedule by the radio button in the TDMS program.

NEW TDMS BEING DESIGNED

A new and very much enhanced TDMS is being designed for DPI and this will be released in conjunction with the new Condition of Contract that DPI and lawyers Clayton Utz have been working on for some time. The new system will be internet capable and will iron out many of the problems that have persisted with the existing TDMS, which is now over 10 years old. Paul Armstrong and Adam Grainger are the Construction Division representatives on the development group. Contact Paul or Adam if you would like more information on the new system of if you have some comment to provide. More information will be provided on the new TDMS as development proceeds.

MANAGER TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Welcome to Lawrie Foscaro, who has recently been appointed to the position of Manager Technical Specifications with the Infrastructure Services Division. Lawrie's appointment will greatly enhance the capability of the Specification Services Unit and his extensive experience in civil works will initially be put to good use with the upgrading of the Roadworks master specification and in the further development of new sections for the Road Maintenance master specification.

ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Several sections of the Road Maintenance master have been updated and 6 new sections have been prepared in draft form and circulated for comment. It is planned that the Road Maintenance master specification will be completed by early next year and the document will then be printed and used as a reference specification similar to the very successful Standard Specification for Small Building Works. This will certainly enhance the production of documents for road maintenance contracts within DPI.

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