

## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**2006 EDITION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATION BUILDINGS  
AND OTHER UPDATES**

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### **STANDARD SPECIFICATION BUILDINGS – 2006**

The Standard Specification for Small building Works, 2006 edition, has now been printed and copies circulated to all regions. Besides the distinctive cover with the new Corporate branding the format of the text has been changed to make the document easier to read and is now in Arial font 10 point. The text and in particular the Australian Standards have been updated and are current as of 1 April 2006.

One major change to the Masonry section is that the requirement for bed joint reinforcement has now been deleted as it is seen as having no significant value, particularly for blockwork. The TDMS has now been programmed to the 2006 edition of the Standard Specification, however, if you need to refer to the superseded 2005 edition it can be accessed at; Z:\Tdms4\Templates\Standard Specification – Buildings.

### **NATSPEC COPYRIGHT**

Under the Copyright provisions of NATSPEC, the national building specification, Consultants are required to be NATSPEC subscribers before they can be provided with the Department's modified NATSPEC material. Project Officers should ensure that Consultants comply with this requirement before providing draft specifications containing NATSPEC material.

A document outlining these requirements is available on both the internet and intranet sites and the buildings master specifications internet site is password protected for this purpose.

### **ROADWORKS MASTER SPECIFICATIONS**

Both the Schedule of Rates and the Lump Sum masters have been updated to include clauses on the Protection of Detector Loops in Miscellaneous Provisions and Process Control in the Conformance Testing section.

Refer to the Commentary sections of the various masters for details of the latest updates.

### **INTERNET AND INTRANET SITES**

Both the internet and intranet specification sites are in the process of being updated to include the latest information to assist in the production of project specifications. The Specification Services home page provides a direct link to these sites and is located at; <http://dpinet.nt.gov.au/divisions/infrastructure/procurement/techspecs/>. This site also gives direct links to the intranet sites of The Plan Room, the Building Certification procedure, Technical Directives for both Infrastructure and Roads and the DCIS, CAPS site for information on the TDMS.

The intranet site also contains the latest 2006 edition of the Australian Paint Approval Scheme (APAS) List of Approved Products.

### **BRIEFING DOCUMENTS**

It is important that Consultants be briefed on the Department's requirements for Specification production and several documents are listed under this heading on both the internet and intranet sites. These documents should be included in the Consultant's project brief. They may also be of value to in-house staff, particularly new employees.

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