

INFORMATION BULLETIN

ROADWORKS MASTER SPECIFICATION UPDATE AND REISSUE OF THE PERMIT TO WORK WITHIN THE ROAD RESERVE

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ROADWORKS MASTER SPECIFICATION

The "Provision for Traffic" sections in the Roadworks and Road Maintenance master specifications were substantially updated on the TDMS in December 2006 and minor changes have been completed and these have now been incorporated into the TDMS. The Commentary sections of the individual master specifications provide more details on the changes and these can be accessed from the TDMS Z drive templates folder or from the Technical Specifications page on the internet at www.dpi.nt.gov.au/whatwedo

PERMIT TO WORK WITHIN THE NT GOVERNMENT ROAD RESERVE

The "Permit to Work Within the NT Government Road Reserve" has undergone a substantial update with major changes made to the "Provision for Traffic" section and reformatting of the document. The changes to the "Provision for Traffic" section include work zone traffic management accreditation definitions, road safety barriers and portable traffic signals, including time settings. This section is now substantially the same as the updated "Provision for Traffic" sections in the Roadworks and Road Maintenance masters. The permit is available from the DPI intranet site and the internet site at the above address. Reference is also made to this permit in regard to building construction contracts where contractors are required to carry out work within the road reserve outside the particular site lot boundaries.

PROJECT AND SITE DETAILS

Project specifications must include adequate details about the project and site details in the Preliminaries section. For example, in building specifications in the "Description of the Works" clause, it is not sufficient to just state "Construct new building as per the drawings". Refer to the Guide Notes in the Manual input forms, which provide more information on what is required. These can be accessed from the internet at;

http://www.nt.gov.au/dcis/procurement_policy/conditions_contract

The "Site of the Works" clause must provide an exact location, preferably a lot number, street name and locality. Additionally, specific site information, such as limited access or work outside the lot boundary which may require a Permit to Work Within the Road Reserve must be included. Again, refer to the Guide Notes in the Manual Input Forms.

TENDER DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TDMS)

The TDMS is running satisfactorily at present, however, it is very sensitive to updated sections that include additional clauses or text containing styles that do not occur in the original document. If you wish to prepare any updated text for inclusion in a master specification section, contact the Manager Specification Services for assistance before you commence the work to ensure that the correct procedure is followed.

The new "Conditions of Contract" and associated documents, derived from the Defence suite of contract documents, have been completed by Clayton Utz and are shortly to be circulated to the Executive for final endorsement. Copies will then be circulated to project staff for information and future training. In conjunction with the new "Conditions of Contract" the TDMS will be completely revised and updated to streamline and improve this already efficient system for producing contract documents. This work will take several months to complete before the new system is introduced, which at this stage, is anticipated to take place in the second half of this year.

Naturally, extensive training will be provided to project staff to enable a smooth transition to the new system.

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