

INFORMATION BULLETIN

UPDATES TO ROADWORKS MASTER SPECIFICATION & SHORT FORM ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SECTION

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ROADWORKS MASTER SPECIFICATION (SCHEDULE OF RATES)

Major changes to the Spray Sealing and Conformance Testing sections have now been completed and are now incorporated into the master and accessed through the TDMS Tools function. These changes relate to bitumen products and have been developed over some time by the Pavement and Surfacing Engineer, Stephen Jackson and his staff through consultation with the industry. The Schedule of Rates has also been updated and has been revised to comply with the new format. Other sections have had some minor changes and these changes are listed in the Commentary section which can be accessed through the Zdrive\Tdms4\Templates\Roadworks SoR.

ROADWORKS LUMP SUM MASTER

Roadworks lump sum contracts were trialled in 2004 and 2005 and a specialised master specification and schedules developed and included in the TDMS. Lump sum contracts have since rarely been used and it has been decided to remove this master specification from the TDMS. The folder on Roadworks Lump Sum remains with the other master specifications in the TDMS Templates drawer, however, the folder now contains an instruction sheet, the required Response Schedules and Guide Notes on the modification of the Schedule of Rates Roadworks master to modify it for use as a lump sum contract if required. Lump Sum contracts are still relevant for simple roadworks contracts, particularly ones which do not involve large quantities of earthworks

NATIONAL CODE OF PRACTICE

The TDMS has been programmed to include a selection box for the National Code of Practice. A "Yes" selection brings up a prompt to read the information sheet. Clauses are available for insertion into the Conditions of Tendering, Special Conditions of Contract and the Response Schedules, however, at present these have to be inserted manually and the required clauses and instructions are available through the DPI Specifications Intranet site.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT – SHORT FORM

A new Short Form version of the Environmental Management section has been developed and this is referenced on the Tier 3 Quotation Form. The new section is a single page non editable reference specification which Contractors are required to comply with, as applicable to the particular project. It can be accessed from the Specifications internet site at www.dpi.gov.au/whatwedo/techspecs

TDMS ONGOING PROBLEMS

The TDMS has been experiencing ongoing problems over the past few months and CAPS have been actively investigating and rectifying the problems. A new more modern form of TDMS is being considered, one that is internet capable and much simpler to add updated material. It is proposed that the new TDMS be developed in conjunction with the new Conditions of Contract now under development. In the meantime please forward any problems with TDMS system to the Manager Specification Services where they will be dealt with in conjunction with CAPS.

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