

INFORMATION BULLETIN SPECIFICATIONS

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UPDATED MASTER SPECIFICATIONS

All of the Department's master specifications have now been updated with the new Department title, references and Commentary sections updated to August 2005.

These updates have been incorporated into the TDMS and are now available on the servers in all regions. The full text versions of the master documents, including the commercial sections, which are available from the DCIS intranet site are being updated by CAPS. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

Inevitably, some minor glitches may occur, so please advise me if you have any difficulties with the TDMS or the master specifications. You can access the master specifications directly from the TDMS drive at Z:\Tdms4\Templates. Alice Springs TDMS users are at present experiencing quite a few problems and I am working with CAPS to rectify these problems.

The TDMS rolls out to 7 servers in Darwin and regional offices across the NT and at times a particular rollout may not install on a particular server. I have asked DCIS to set up an automatic reporting system so that any failures are automatically identified and do not rely on manual checking.

INTERNET SITES

Both the internet and intranet sites have been updated to provide improved access to specification related material and now all staff across the Territory will have instant access to the latest information available. The updated intranet site now contains the APAS list of approved products, the Procedure for Building Certification, the Project Check Lists associated with the new Project Control section and much more.

POLICY DIRECTIVES

The Specification Services Unit of ISD will be producing Policy Directives on critical issues associated with specification production and the first of these, dealing with the printing of documents, new covers and the storage of documents at Technical Records will be issued next week.

For the time being CAPS will continue to print RFTs containing less than 100 pages and all RFTs over 100 pages will be printed by the Government Printer. This includes RFTs produced by consultants.

Copies of these Policy Directives will be sent to all staff by email and will also be available from the Specification Services Intranet site.

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