

Purpose: The [Big Four](#) are flexible specifications in key technical areas developed by FDOT for off-system (not on the [State Highway System](#)) Local Agency Program (LAP) projects. With approval, these specifications may be modified by the Local Agency to meet their varying technical needs.

Details: The Big Four specifications cover work performed in the following four areas: Asphalt, Concrete, Earthwork, and Landscape. These four specifications were developed and approved for use on off-system LAP projects. For Asphalt, Concrete, and Earthwork, categories are defined as follows:

Earthwork: The first category includes sidewalks, bike paths, and related drainage structures. The second category includes turn lanes, non-mainline lanes, widening, shoulders, retaining walls, and drainage structures for non-mainline work. The third category includes new mainline lanes, retaining walls and drainage structures for mainline work.

Asphalt: The first category includes the construction of bike paths. The second category includes the construction of turn lanes, paved shoulders and non-mainline lanes. The third category includes the construction of new mainline lanes, milling and resurfacing projects.

Concrete: The first category includes sidewalks, curb and gutter, ditch and slope, and traffic separators. The second category includes barriers, traffic railing, parapets, noise barriers, inlets, manholes, junction boxes, pipe culverts, storm sewers, and precast drainage products. The third category includes precast box culverts, precast poles, retaining walls, drilled shafts, and signing and lighting foundations.

Landscape is a prescriptive specification more closely paralleling the FDOT 2000 Standard Specifications.

The Big Four specifications also provide simplified testing processes and testing criteria.

Any modifications to the Big Four must be approved by FDOT.

References: [Local Agency Program Quick Reference Guide Section 3.5](#); [Local Agency Specs >Off-System LAP Specifications \("Big 4"\)](#)

Exceptions: N/A

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