

What are "Developmental Specifications" and when may they be used on LAP projects?

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Purpose: To define Developmental Specifications and identify when they may be used on a Local Agency Program (LAP) projects.

Details: *Developmental Specifications* are developed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) around a new process, procedure, or material that the FDOT wants to try and are approved for limited use. These specifications are signed and sealed by the FDOT professional engineer responsible for authorizing their use and monitoring their performance in the field.

Developmental Specifications are requested from the District Specifications Office on a project by project basis.

Developmental Specifications may be used on LAP projects, provided they are approved by the Department's assigned monitor, and the most current version of the Developmental Specification is used. All Developmental Specifications must be signed and sealed by the professional engineer responsible for authorizing the use and monitoring the performance in the field. Developmental Specifications must be requested on a project by project basis, and may only be changed by the monitor.

An agency requesting the use of a Developmental Specification must make the request to the District Specifications Engineer. The State Specifications and Estimates Office will coordinate with the monitor to track and oversee the use of that specification.

In some instances, there are certain Developmental Specifications that must be used in conjunction with Developmental Standards. In such cases, the approval of the use of the Developmental Specification and Developmental Design Standard will be evaluated on a project by project basis.

The Department's list of Developmental Standards can be viewed at:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/specificationoffice/OtherFDOTLinks/Developmental/Default.shtm>

References: N/A

Exceptions: N/A

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