

# FOREWORD

This 2016 edition of the Louisiana Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges is hereby approved for use on construction contracts awarded by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and other governing bodies. These standard specifications are subject to amendment whenever necessary by supplemental specifications or by special provisions applicable to specific contracts.

A new subsection numbering system is introduced based on a decimal format. This specifications book also uses the active voice, imperative mood when describing the contractor's responsibility.

Numerous changes have been made from the previous edition of the standard specifications. Many parts of the specifications including the general provisions, asphalt pavements, portland cement concrete, structures, and materials have been reorganized and/or significantly rewritten. Users of previous versions of these standard specifications are advised that this has resulted in the movement of some topics from their previous locations to more appropriate locations in the new specifications or perhaps their entire deletion if no longer considered necessary by the Department.

Use of these standard specifications by any organization or individual will be at the user's risk. Organizations or individuals citing these standard specifications by reference in their contract work will be responsible for furnishing prospective bidders copies of the specifications along with any amendments that may affect their contract.

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