

# Bid Items Application Update to Bid Item Listings - April 22, 2025

## Iowa Department of Transportation -- Contracts and Specifications Bureau

Bid items for Bid Items Application have been updated.

- Beginning on page 2 is a summary of the updates to the bid item files.
- Use of new items on projects let before the effective date will not be permitted.
- FYI: 'Spec' changes to existing bid items are not included in this notification.

Specifications for most bid items consist of five parts: 1) Description, 2) Materials, 3) Construction, 4) Method of Measurement, and 5) Basis of Payment. The Spec Codes defined below, and shown in the online Bid Item Description Book, are used to identify a source(s) where typical specs for the bid item located. The specific source will depend on the actual use and application of the bid item.

The policy of the Contracts and Specifications Bureau is that the designer of the projects let through the Iowa DOT letting system ensures that all bid items have complete specifications.

Special attention is directed to the codes STD6, SP2, and PLAN that may use or need multiple sources. For many bid items with those codes, additional information is required. This could include entire specifications (all five parts) for a bid item, or modifications/changes/additional requirements to one or more parts of an existing specification. For most of those bid items, the specs could be included in the Item Reference Information or General Notes of the project plan. The designer is encouraged to use the Standard Specifications, Supplemental Specifications, etc. as resources for the proper language for any of the five spec portions for similar bid items.

| Spec Code | Spec Source   |
|-----------|---|
| STD       | Standard Specifications – including General Supplemental Specifications                           |
| STD2      | Standard Specifications – including applicable Supplemental Specifications                        |
| STD3      | Standard Specifications – including applicable Supplemental Specifications or Standard Road Plans |
| STD4      | Standard Specifications – including applicable Standard Bridge Plans                              |
| STD5      | Standard Specifications – including applicable Standard Road Plans                                |
| STD6      | Standard Specifications – including applicable Special Provisions or Project Plan                 |
| DS        | Developmental Specifications  |
| SS        | Supplemental Specifications   |
| SS2       | Supplemental Specifications or Project Plan   |
| SP        | Special Provisions  |
| SP2       | Special Provisions or Project Plan  |
| SBP       | Standard Bridge Plans   |
| SRP       | Standard Road Plans   |
| PLAN      | Project Plan  |
| PROP      | Proposal Form   |

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The following items have been added to the valid bid item description listing:

| Effect Dt | Item Code    | Item Description                    | Unit | Spec |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| 15APR2025 | 2214-5145152 | PAVEMENT SCARIFICATION, CROSS SLOPE | SY   | STD  |
| 15APR2025 | 2214-5145154 | PAVEMENT SCARIFICATION, PROFILE     | SY   | STD  |
| 15APR2025 | 2214-5145162 | PAVEMENT SCARIFICATION, CROSS SLOPE | TON  | STD  |
| 15APR2025 | 2214-5145164 | PAVEMENT SCARIFICATION, PROFILE     | TON  | STD  |
| 21OCT2025 | 2310-6000001 | FIBER REINFORCEMENT                 | LB   | STD  |