

Bid Items Application Update to Bid Item Listings - December 3, 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
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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
21APR2026	2513-0001045	CONCRETE BARRIER, BA-104, 44 INCH	LF	STD5
21APR2026	2513-0001090	CONCRETE BARRIER RAIL, BA-109	LF	STD5
21APR2026	2513-0001091	CONCRETE BARRIER RAIL, BA-109 and Footing	LF	STD5
21APR2026	2526-8285010	CONSTRUCTION SURVEY, MONUMENT PRESERVATION	LS	STD
21APR2026	2526-8285020	CONSTRUCTION SURVEY, CONTROL POINT SURVEY	LS	STD
21APR2026	2526-8285030	CONSTRUCTION SURVEY, RIGHT OF WAY	LS	STD
21APR2026	2526-8285040	CONSTRUCTION SURVEY, LOCATION SURVEY	LS	STD

The following obsolete items from the previous update will be omitted from the Bid Items Application prior to the April 21, 2026 letting:

Item Code	Item Description	Unit
2526-8285000	CONSTRUCTION SURVEY	LS