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## **CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS SPECIFICATION DEVELOPMENT**

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Division of Construction Management is assigned the responsibility and authority to develop, implement, maintain and update construction and material specifications. This is to ensure construction quality and a uniform and consistent administration of construction projects by all districts.

Five specification committees will process specifications in the major work items: Pavement Materials and Construction, Structures, Earthwork and Hydraulics, Contract Administration, Traffic and other miscellaneous work items. Each working committee will review existing specifications, and adopt new specifications.

An executive committee will give final review and approval of all Department specifications.

### **AUTHORITY:**

Section 5501.02, 5501.03, and 5501.31, Ohio Revised Code (ORC)

### **REFERENCE:**

Policy, Standards, Manuals, and Handbook Development, 123-001(P)

Standard Procedure for the Development and Review of Construction and Material Specifications, 510-002 (SP)

### **SCOPE:**

The contracting industry, FHWA and any affected department employee may request revisions to the specifications. The requested specification updates and changes should be quickly adopted in order to enhance the quality of construction and to reduce ambiguities in the bidding documents.

Specification development will be conducted in an open and fair atmosphere to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, and standard operating procedures.

Central office divisions, working with district counterparts, will partner with FHWA and industry members in the specification development process.

All committee members are expected to work together to provide expert knowledge and ensure acceptance of the specifications.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The operational fiscal impact of this policy is expected to be limited to committee members' time.